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SLATER — \$40,000

BLACKTOWN SETS TREMENDOUS FEE

THE WORD is around that Blacktown City has put an unbelievable \$40,000 on the head of their wing striker, Robbie Slater.

BY KEITH GILMOUR



ROBBIE SLATER

Under his contract he can opt out for \$15,000 in November 1987.

Slater apparently believed that he had a parallel verbal agreement under which he would be able to leave to join another club for \$15,000 upon the 14 team league coming into being.

But that is not the way that the Demons see it — hence they have slapped on the \$40,000.

The figure, of course, is unreal, especially as he joined Blacktown from St George for \$15,000 not 12 months ago.

Whilst Slater's running and crossing from the wing leave nothing to be desired, the truth is that he has not produced much by way of goals.

The 22 year old red-head needs to spark up in that department.

But, if he has a central striker of note to link with, there are few if any wingers in the game who can hold a candle to him.

Slater learnt a great deal by playing alongside that wizard Des Marton at St George, and he slapped in his share of goals whilst trialling for the Nottingham Forest reserve team.

EARLY SHOWER FOR CRAIG MASON



OFF YOU GO: Referee Jim Rossis sends off Marconi's Craig Mason during Sunday's major semi-final at St George Stadium. Full report pages 6 and 7.

TONY DAKOS' SECRET

RALE RASIC'S 1987 DILEMMA

BY KEITH GILMOUR

RARELY indeed is former National coach Rale Rasic short of ideas, but at present his programming is in limbo.

"What kind of pre-season can I arrange when I don't know whether there will be a competition or not?" he asks.

It's a fair question. "Under the State competition we knew what was coming up, but if we don't know the situation we are better without anything until the NSL starts," he said.

Rasic is not against a

well organised pre-season competition per se.

In fact he feels quite comfortable with it, and contends that a coach who is worth his salt can field a good side early in the season and then carry on into the competition and hardly miss a beat.

As well as deciding the players to be targeted and those to be off-loaded into the market, APIA is at the budgeting stage.

But that is not the only problems around the traps.

No-one can expect a coherent system of grand final play-offs next year.

RATCLIFFE RETIRES

DAVID RATCLIFFE, who caused a shock yesterday when he announced his retirement from the international scene, will not be lost to Soccer completely.

BY RAY GATT

The rugged St George defender made one of the toughest decisions any player could make by forsaking his international career with the Socceroos and giving away the chance to represent his country in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Ratcliffe, a partner in a sub-contracting firm called Master Steel, said he could no longer

afford the time off work to commit himself to the Socceroo program.

"Of course, I am disappointed and sad, but it was a decision I had to make," explained the fiercely proud sweeper.

"I have to be fair to my partners. They have been very good and have never said anything

about my time away in the past."

Ratcliffe, 29, however, will continue to play an important part with St George on the local scene and there is no reason why this great defender cannot continue at that level for a long time to come.

But, as far as the Socceroos are concerned, his loss will be a savage blow as defenders of his calibre are hard to replace.

Ratcliffe, whom I re-

gard as probably the best defender in the country, said there were many highlights during his career with the Socceroos.

"The match against England were great," he said, "and there was something special about the three month campaign last year with the Socceroos leading up to the World Cup qualifying playoffs against Scotland."

"The friendship and spirit built up during that time will always be something special to me."

The Editor

THE Australian public, and especially those interested in NSW South Wales, Queensland and the ACT, is entitled to a very clear statement of what is behind the upheavals that have occurred in the ranks of the National Soccer League.

It is a fact that there is more behind the change than is apparent on the surface.

The visible manifestations are a drop from two 12 team divisions to one of 14 teams with an aim to improve playing standards.

Then there is the objective of securing sponsorship, which would be the aim no matter how many clubs are involved.

For example, if it is necessary to reshuffle in order to show a potential advertiser that there is an improved league to be supported, then it could well be 2x10 team divisions and not 1x14 team.

But the underlying issue is a philosophical one and the NSL chairman Mr Sam Papasavas OAM had a large say in the change.

For some time he has taken the position that clubs should be based on particular ethnic groups and that experimentation in the other direction has been a failure.

There is some strength to the argument as obviously most paid admissions to NSL Soccer are from ethnic — based clubs.

But can Soccer expect to carry on for ever on a base that, realistically seen, largely in Sydney involves just the Greek and Croatian sections of the community.

There is limited and varying support from the remaining groups, and decreases in the following of many of them is quite marked.

What we are seeing at present is an attempt to impose situations that apply in Victoria to NSW, the ACT and Queensland.

This however fails to recognise the differing structures of the game in these areas despite some similarities in the ethnic backgrounds of the clubs.

The fact is that only a miniscule amount of amateur Soccer existed in Melbourne prior to postwar migration.

This can be compared with the NSW and Queensland position, where Soccer goes back up to 100 and sometimes over 100 years.

A similar difference exists with playing numbers. NSW, with a million more people or so than Victoria, can boast of over 150,000 players whereas Victoria would have some 20,000 and the lesser population of Queensland over 35,000.

On this basis, even taking into account that many remain in amateur and junior football, there is a wider base in NSW and Queensland that represents the potential for a different pattern of growth over time.

Of the teams that go out, Newcastle has mainly Anglo-Saxon origins, Wollongong multi-national, Blacktown local, Inter-Monaro's "Inter" was originally "international" to cover all nationalities and Canterbury Greek and Canberra Greek-controlled but with varied support.

So out goes the local element on which NSW will later depend for growth!

Geographically NSW has major cities of Wollongong and Newcastle and also the national capital within its borders, whereas Victorian NSL clubs come from the capital city of Melbourne.

Until the basis of these various principles is recognised, the NSL will not get its affairs right.

Despite any crossfire of the moment, ASW considers that a National League is the best vehicle to use in conducting a national competition.

FRANKIE AND CHRIS COULD BE ON A FAST BOAT TO CHINA

DYNAMIC young strikers Frank Farina of Sydney City and Chris Kalantzis of Sydney Olympic look set to spearhead the Soccerroo strike force on their coming tour of China and Asia in November.

BY TOM ANDERSON

These two highly talented youngsters are at the peak of their form and have showed out well in the NSL top five play-offs.

So much so, their names are well and truly pencilled into national coach Frank Arok's little black book as 'likely tourists'.

It is interesting to note the development of Kalantzis and Farina and the fact that both are former Young Soccerroos.

Farina of course was brought to the forefront by present Young Soccerroo boss Les Scheinf-

lug, in the 1983 WYC campaign.

Frankie starred in the Joao Havelange Youth series in Acapulco and then went on to make the world sit up and take notice when he scored the equalising goal for Australia, before a crowd of 110,000 fans at the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City in 1983.

At club level he started with the AIS before moving on to Canberra City and then to his present club Sydney City.

Kalantzis in turn was discovered by former Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Doherty and thrown into the Olympic first team when he was 16 years of age.

This brilliant left striker was then selected for the Young Soccerroos for the 1985 final series in Russia under the direction of then national coach Jim Shoulder.

Although not used to his greatest advantage in the Australian system of play behind the Iron Curtain, the skill and talent of Kalantzis still managed to shine

through like a beacon on a foggy night.

The Olympic youngsters were then chosen - along with Farina - for the recent series against Czechoslovakia where he once again looked the goods.

Apart from an abundance of skill, these two young terriers have speed to burn - which is a decided advantage to any team touring China and Asia.

Frankie has been behind the Bamboo Curtain before - in 1984 during the World Tour and knows what it's like and just what is required.

For Kalantzis the trip to the Mystic East will be just one more chapter in his football education.

The Soccerroos trip to China in November has been carefully planned and negotiated by ASF executive director Brian Emery.

Unlike times in the past when the Soccerroos have had to endure the cold wintry weather of Peking, this visit will be restricted to the warmer

climes of Canton and Shanghai.

This is wise planning and indeed common sense.

It is also a move that will be welcomed by the players - especially the ones who have previously visited China as both Canton and Shanghai are pleasant places to visit and the stadiums good.

Also the hotels and food are excellent and are preferred by the Soccerroos to that which was forthcoming in Peking.

The Soccerroos China program is:- the two opening matches on November 13th and 15th will be played in Canton and the last match on November 18 in Shanghai.

The opening match will be the big International Ampol Cup clash against China.

The second match will be against a provincial team and the last match in Shanghai another full international against China.

This program will be



TOM ANDERSON

added to by another two fixtures at present under negotiation by ASF executive director Emery.

This tour plus the two Trans Tasman games against New Zealand on October 25th in Auckland and November 2nd at Parramatta Stadium, should really get the Soccerroo show back on the road again.

FOOTNOTE: For the first time ever the Trans Tasman Challenge Trophy will be up for grabs when the Soccerroos meet the Kiwis.

Also, the Young Soccerroos will travel to Auckland to meet the New Zealand youth team in the curtain raiser before the full international on October 25.

LOOKING OVER THE NSL FORMAT

EITHER we live by accident and die by accident - or we live by plan and die by plan

...

These are the words of Thornton Wilder from The Bridge of San Luis Rey.

And if you are wondering what on earth this has to do with the Australian football scene you may cease to do so immediately!

For these very words were the theme of a report produced on the NSL by the then ASF Marketing company way back on Wednesday August 12, 1981 - five long football years ago.

And with the controversy still raging over the format of next year's NSL set-up and their two million dollar four year sponsorship with South Australian Breweries about to be announced, it is interesting to recall the details set out in this NSL report and to compare them with the scene as it is today.

I will let you make up your own minds as to whether the situation has changed over the years - either for better or worse.

At the time of its release the report of course was extremely controversial it seems like most matters connected with the NSL.

However I'm sure you will find this 'sojourn into the past' very enthralling reading and interesting to say the least.

I will start with a paragraph that was released under the heading - "What we have not achieved" and it reads: "What the League has not achieved so far, is to capture the imagination of the mass Australian public, despite its early success in the initial introduction of the competition."

"This singly has been the League's biggest failure. This singly is the League's biggest problem."

So it was declared by the NSL chiefs in 1981!

Another very interesting chapter was forwarded under the heading "The Image of the League".

"We feel it is important to state in this document quite conclusively the attitude and philosophy of the marketing company in regard to the image of the League related to the continuous debates about ethnic or non-ethnic."

"Our overall attitude can be summarised as follows:- 'We understand and accept the ethnic origins of many clubs in the League, and the fact that several of those same clubs are de-

pendent on what may be primarily be described as fanatical ethnic support of their club."

"We do not seek to de-ethnicise any individual club."

"We do seek to Australianise the overall image of the League."

"We believe that clubs with strong ethnic support at this point in time should capitalise on that, but seek progressively over the forthcoming years to expand and broaden their horizons in regard to spectator and supporter following of their club."

"In tandem with this commercial sponsors involvement with the club is desirable."

"In some cases this must be done gently and progressively, whereas in others it is possible to at all times pursue a totally Australian image."

What also must be remembered of course was that the 1981 report was released mainly in an attempt to introduce 'summer Soccer'.

In that mission however it failed and failed miserably.

Now once again there is a strong move afoot to change the playing season and to introduce summer Soccer into the ranks of the NSL.

It really is amazing how things are taking place - five years later. In a chapter headed "Other Necessary Moves" these suggestions were also forwarded in this report.

"ZONING - Introduce zoning the League and reformulating the fixture program accordingly to stabilise over-heads, build local interest in matches and pave the way for expansion and development of the League into a more national competition by

the admittal progressively of other new regional clubs."

This 1981 dossier also listed the achievements of the then Philips Soccer League and stated:

"The introduction of a national soccer league in Australia has unquestionably lifted the standard of the professional game overall."

"The League has concentrated the major talent of Australian Soccer into one competition and provided a competition that the 'career' player can aspire to be part of when he emerges through the youth sector of the sport."

"The League has helped nationalise, and indeed Australianise the sport of Soccer, capitalising on its ethnic origins but expanding dramatically the perception of the game in this country and its following beyond the original ethnic support base into an Australia-wide sport."

"The introduction of new teams like Wollongong and Newcastle are a factor in the continuing development

and acceptance of the sport nationally in this country."

"The League has consistently provided the majority of players for both the national team and the national youth team as well as back up in coaching personnel."

"The formation of the League has helped break down many of the intense administrative policies of the sport that at one stage were fervently based on the ethnic origins and following of the game."

And so it was in 1981, in the halls of power in the NSL.

Times have definitely changed over the past five years and indeed so seemingly has the trend of thought in NSL circles.

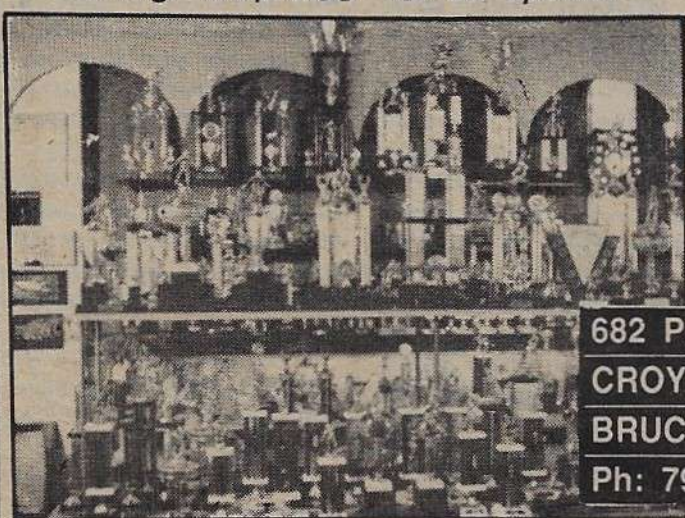
For better or for worse? ... I'll let you make up your own mind on the matter!

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NEXT Saturday at 6pm SBS-TV will screen Part 1 of the 1966 official World Cup documentary movie, "GOAL", as narrated by British actor, Nigel Patrick.

"GOAL" will be the last programme shown on SBS-TV's Nostalgia Soccer Series.

On Saturday week - also at 6pm - Part 2 of "GOAL" will be screened, culminating in the final where England defeated West Germany under most controversial circumstances in which West Ham's star striker, Geoff Hurst scored the first World Cup Final hat-trick.

"GOAL" has it all. The drama, pain, nostalgia, tension, energy, electricity and above all the epitome of World Soccer supremacy is all there.

This magnificent Soccer movie must not be missed.

The script, production, shooting and narration is excellent, ensuring "GOAL" will remain a Soccer classic.

"GOAL" will show the 16 nations that took part:

ENGLAND, BRAZIL, ITALY, NORTH KOREA, HUNGARY, WEST GERMANY, PORTUGAL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, MEXICO, FRANCE, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, BULGARIA, USSR and CHILE.

Part 1 of "GOAL" ends with the quarter

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

final between England and Argentina, the match which earned the wrath of England's track-suit manager, Sir Alf Ramsey.

Argentina's rough tackling provoked Sir Alf to call the South Americans "animals" and he blocked his players from swapping shirts with them at fulltime.

"GOAL" clearly highlights pain and agony as super-stars, Pele and Eusebio come in for special treatment by their respective managers who continually chop them down.

The movie shows Manchester United's goblin figure of Nobby Stiles, with his shirt hanging out and his socks down around his ankles and his front teeth back in the dressing room, going about his job.

His job ... to mark the mega-stars out of the game.

Pele especially is repeatedly shown being hacked down by the Portuguese, which enabled them to defeat Brazil 3-1.

The "Black-Pearl" is then shown again being butchered by the Bulgarians.

Brazil then suffers

Brazil's greatest Pele ... being assisted from the pitch by Dr Gosling during the match against Portugal.



further defeat from the Hungarians at Everton's home ground, Goodison Park as the English crowds roar encouragement to the Hungarians to defeat the South Americans who stood as England's main threat to winning the World Cup.

EUSEBIO

SBS-TV viewers will be bewildered by Portugal's magnificent striker, Eusebio in the match Portugal vs North Korea when the Asians shocked the world by racing to a 3 nil lead against their illustrious opponents.

The the fabulous Eusebio cuts loose to

ENGLAND's World Cup team being instructed by manager Sir Alf Ramsey at fulltime in the Final.

grind down the Koreans' assumed unassailable lead by reeling off four spectacular goals in the second session to pilot Portugal's 5-3 victory.

THE FINAL

The Final sees England take on West Germany where all of England's goals were scored

by West Ham strikers, Hurst and Martin Peters.

The controversial goal by Hurst which hit the underside of West Germany's cross-bar is still being talked about. This is the goal that many experts still today maintain had it not been allowed England would not have won the World

Cup.

SBS-TV's Soccer presenter, Les Murray, told ASW last night:

"Our viewers are in for a special treat.

"Part 1 on Saturday ends with scenes at full-time time of the England vs Argentina match and the ill-feeling that is displayed across the arena.

"Our viewers will also see spectacular goals from Bobby Charlton who scored a 40 yarder against Mexico. They will see Garrincha in the twilight of his spectacular career with Brazil.

"GOAL" indeed is a very special movie which guarantees thorough entertainment," Murray promised.

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WHO WILL WIN THE ROTHMANS MEDAL?

CARLO DEL PORTO, our Melbourne correspondent, casts his eye over the Rothmans Medal field in the Olympic Airways NSL Southern Division. Players such as John Yzendoorn, Paul Wade, Vlado Stosic, Sergio Melta and Steve Maxwell are amongst many whose names spring to mind as having winning potential. Last week Ray Gatt closely analysed the contenders from the Southern Division.

The 1986 Rothmans National Soccer League Player of the Year is a wide open affair with many candidates from both divisions in with a show.

The following is a club by club list of the Southern Division players most likely to poll well, come award night.

The Southern Division Champions, Brunswick Juventus, had many contributors in 1986, but two outstanding players represent their club's main chances — veteran sweeper and former Socceroo John Yzendoorn and midfielder dynamo Paul Wade.

Experienced Yzendoorn has been the backbone of the Brunswick defence all year and the often rescued his team with his calm but effective displays in vital games.

Team-mate Wade was rewarded with a mid-field berth in the Australian side that met the visiting Czechs. His courage and determined running are a feature of his game.

Runners-up Footscray J.U.S.T. enjoyed a fine season, especially former Red Star midfielder Vlado Stosic, who certainly lived up to expectations after joining the Blues early in the year.

Stosic's skill and passing ability set up many goals and goallining opportunities for J.U.S.T., and his form was one big reason behind the side's rise to the top.

Goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic, another import from Yugoslavia, also had a tremendous season — whenever the J.U.S.T. defence looked leaky, Nikitovic remained a tower of strength and committed very few errors.

Adelaide City Juventus finished the year strongly and they can point to an almost unchanged squad from

1985 as an important ingredient in their consistent showing this season.

Midfielder Sergio Melta, who was rewarded for his good form by his call-up to the National squad, showed that he is a very classy competitor, and team-mate Charlie Villani (8 goals), also displayed the form that has made him such an exciting player to watch.

Sunshine George Cross won many fans with courageous displays and finished a creditable fourth — two big factors behind their fine showing were Tyrone James, the coloured centre-half, whose previous clubs include Fulham and Plymouth Argyle, and fellow defender Steve Richardson, whose strength in the air often provided nightmares for opposition strikers.

The fact that Sunshine conceded only 17 goals in 22 games is a tribute to the consistent dominance of James and Richardson.

When Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey switched utility player

year long in club and international games. The 26 year old custodian personally lifted his team with inspirational efforts.

Preston Makedonia had a disastrous run with injuries and suspensions and were rarely able to field the same eleven players for two weeks running — Ian Dobson and Con Opasinas weighed in with sizeable contributions over the arduous 22 weeks, while striker Sean Lane, formerly of Derby County, was always dangerous and often unselfish in his approach, allowing others to get the credit for his good work.

After a slow start, for-

youngster Lou Hristodoulou (formerly of the AIS), and former runner-up in the award Graeme Honeyman as two of their better players in a largely disappointing year.

Hristodoulou is a player full of potential and talent, and along with Honeyman, can hold his head high when any scapegoats are targeted for West's mediocre performances during 1986.

Brisbane Lions, at least when playing at home, provided some resistance for visiting teams — their 22 year old striker Danny Wright could only manage 13 league appearances because of a spate of injuries, but he still topped the goal list with seven and his skilful displays will have surely caught the eye of National coach Frank Arok.

Melbourne Croatia can also point to injuries — as well as to the loss of form of many players for their indifferent effort — however stalwart defender George Hannah never let his team down and he was a valuable clubman who always played well regardless of the scoreline.

Midfielder/striker Kieran Cooper (7 goals) would appear to be Brisbane City's one shining light in a disastrous season.

He really proved himself an exciting newcomer to the ranks of the NSL.

The future of bottom team Green Gully is dim but not so for young utility player Scott Fraser — another newcomer to the big time, whose services will surely be sought after by one of the surviving National teams in the re-shuffled competition due for take-off in 1987.

Pint-sized winger Tommy Cumming played his heart out for Gully, and this ever-green competitor deserves accolades for exemplifying a relentless never-say-die spirit that has always been the hallmark of his game.

and skipper Theo Selemidis to the sweeper's position, not even he could have foreseen the success of such a move — Selemidis excelled in the role and many times was the sole difference between winning and losing, chipping in with several vital goals for the Bergers.

Team-mate Allan Hunter, the "bargain-priced" import from Brisbane Lions and former U-21 Player of the year, more than adequately filled the boots of former stout backman Charlie Yankos, (now with West Adelaide Hellas). He was the instigator of many of his team's attacks, as well as proving himself to be a "human wall" which many forwards found impossible to penetrate.

Berger goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, dubbed "the Penalty King", performed admirably all

mer champions South Melbourne Hellas picked up some form as the year progressed — this can be attributed largely to the arrival of former Celtic and Wolves midfielder/striker Danny Crainnie.

Although he missed the first part of the season, Crainnie must surely have picked up a number of votes for several classy displays for his new team.

Twenty-year-old full back and team-mate Angie Postecoglou acquitted himself well in his debut for Australia against the Czechs and he is a player of the future — an overlapping defender with an abundance of skill and confidence.

Though bolstered by experienced campaigners in Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn, West Adelaide Hellas can probably look to

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE PRIZE UP FOR GRABS



JOHN YZENDOORN — top year.



Vlado Stosic of Footscray pictured in high flying action with Brunswick's Scott Patterson looking on.

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Adelaide City's Joe Mullen (left) closes down South's Danny Crainnie.



BUFFALO METS ON TOP

GAME PLAYED ON
FRIDAY 19th
SEPTEMBER 1986

BUFFALO METS v
ENDURO SPARTANS
9-4

PLAYER RATINGS-

BUFFALO METS

L. Inturissi	8
J. Ridiero	7
F. Carvalho	9
V. Carvalho	8
C. Ferreira	7
P. De Melo	7
N. Varuda	7

ENDURO SPARTANS

V. Mourinho	8
C. Akkari	6
M. Bacich	8
F. Bacich	7
C. Vince	7
F. Rojano	7

MAN OF THE MATCH
— F. CARVALHO

THE game began with scoring opportunities running high. One minute into the game the METs had a blasting

shot at goal catching the keeper, Mourinho, offguard but fortunately for him the ball hit the side bar and went out.

Minutes later V. Carvalho made a mistake near the goals and the Enduro Spartans players were quick to pick up a shot but with no result. Soon after F. Carvalho took a running shot at goal and put it past the keeper to make the first mark for the Mets.

The Enduro keeper was truly beaten as shots went one after another. They came his way but the brilliant keeper saved them all. Both sides continued to test each other's keepers out but it was in the 7th minute that Carvalho with a shot to the left of goal put one away which curled in at the last second.

Moments later brother V. Carvalho put away another easy shot to which the Spartans coach called time out to reassess the game and their tactics. In the 12th minute as easy ball from F. Carvalho giving him his third goal.

The Spartans really looked in trouble at this stage but the Mets continued their approach to the game and with five minutes to go an error by the Mets in front of the goal saw Akkari place an unexpected goal past Inturissi and the first for the Spartans.

The Spartans now with a little more confidence had a few quick shots but to no avail.

With two minutes before the end of the first half an open goal led V. Carvalho easily home to score for the Mets. Seconds to go V. Carvalho again rescued the ball from the feet of F. Bacich and scored again. At the end of the first half the score was 6-1.

The second half began very slowly with neither side outdoing the other. Four minutes into the game a kick by the Spartans saw the keeper Inturissi amazed as the ball hit the cross bar and went out but seconds later a shot by Bacich made no mistake and recorded the second for the Spartans.

A kick by Akkari over Lucky Inturissi's head saw another goal for the



Lotto All Stars (light gear) from Sydney's west in action against Enduro Spartans. Left to right: Scott Gilligan, Bruce Thurlow, Pat Stromquist, Erelin Osmon (obscured), Phil Doulton, Steve Peachey.

Spartans. Ten minutes into the game a chip over the opposing keeper led to a goal for the Buffalo Mets again by the amazing performance of F. Carvalho. This goal was soon fol-

lowed by a long kick by Vince only to be saved by the Mets Keeper.

With six minutes to go into the game a discrepancy arose due to some unusual decisions by the Referee with

both teams deciding to finish the game regardless. Four minutes to the end Carvalho scored again and from the kick-off Akkari for the Spartans scored as well.

The final goal

appeared to mesmerise the Spartans line up as they just watched as F. Carvalho put away his sixth goal for the night and ended the game with victory for the Buffalo Mets at 9-4.

GAME PLAYED ON
FRIDAY 19th
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AT THE
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SPORT IN
CANBERRA

CANBERRA CITY
STRIKERS v CAN-
BERRA ROCKETS 3-5

GOAL SCORERS FOR

CANBERRA CITY

Ian Murray	1
Billie Willox	1
Ian Wotherspoon	1

CANBERRA

Emile Maracic	1
T. Lemezina	2
Stan Dukic	2

REFEREE: TOM
BOYCE FROM
SYDNEY

BRISBANE BOMBED

GAME PLAYED ON
FRIDAY NIGHT 19th
SEPTEMBER 1986
AT CHANDLER

SYDNEY TORNA-
DOES v BRISBANE
BUFFALO BOMBERS
2-1

THE game against the Bombers was more of a stop and start as the Bombers were not prepared to come at us but rather form a defensive wall in

their half and wait for us to attack them and rely on their counter attacks at our goal.

The Tornados first goal came after 14 minutes with some fine interpassing with Robbie Stuart finishing the move with a goal for the Tornados.

This shook the Bombers out of their defensive system and for a while they strove to gain the equaliser which dually came in the 18th minute from a Bombers free kick.

The second half was again played as a Cat and Mouse where both team's were giving each other more respect than they both deserved. In the 10th minute Ercan Osman slammed the ball home to give the Tornados the lead. Again this shook Brisbane and made them come for the qualiser, but the Tornados defense stood the test and saw the game out for a 2-1 win.

— NICK
NICOLOPOULOS

THE Canberra
Rockets deserved
their win.

Fine goalkeeping from Denis Maracic and strong performance from Stan Dukic and Emile Maracic kept the Strikers at bay.

The Strikers were a bit short of finishing power and paid the penalty with an adverse result.

— MARK O'NEILL

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What they lacked in skill they more than made up in courage, and it was no shock in the 12th minute that they hit the lead with a well taken goal, which stunned the Tornados into attack which saw the young Monarchs goalie pull off some point black saves. With the Monarchs under constant pressure, Scott Gilligan emerged out of a cluster of players to stick the ball in the back of the net.

The sound half saw the Tornados alter their defensive system to a zone defence but once again it was the Monarchs that took the lead with a fine goal by D. Olive with deat staring them in the face. The Tornados led by Glen Jeffery took hold of the game and with five minutes remaining showed the crowd why is one of the NISL leading strikers with two fine goals to give the Tornados the game and the points. Again I would like to thank the Monarchs for the game and their fine effort and to congratulate their young goalie Andrew Burston on a fine game.

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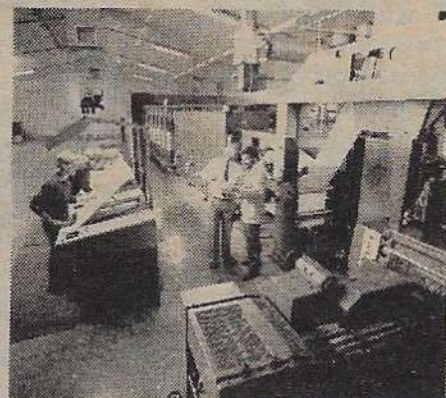
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St George's Peter Petkovski surrounded by Sydney Croatia's Ante Rumora, Graham Jennings and Zarko Odzakov.

SAINTS FIGHT ALL THE WAY TO GRAND FINAL

THE proud tradition of the great St George club was very much to the fore as Frank Arok's magnificent Saints crashed their way through to the Grand Final of the Northern Division of the NSL when they downed Sydney Croatia 3-0 in convincing style at St George Stadium on Sunday.

BY TOM ANDERSON

The mighty Saints were all class and the character of the players shone through like a beacon on a foggy night.

Here was a bunch of star performers proud to wear the Saints colours and who fought every inch of the way to get to next Sunday's big one.

They were organised to a tee by ace coach Arok and were tactically superb in every facet of the game.

Indeed, the performances of this present Saints outfit in recent weeks rates it alongside the great Saints teams of the past.

Self and team discipline are paramount in the present set-up and they go about their winning way with as little fuss as possible. They are ultra effective in their every move.

Premiers Croatia on the other hand lacked urgency on Sunday and also ideas.

Without their magnificent captain-coach Vedran Rozic they were like a ship without a rudder — and floundered aimlessly around for most of the time.

It also looked very much as if one or two of their players went into the action carrying injuries — especially in the cases of Marijan Kovacic and Zarko Odzakov.

Neither looked 100 percent fit and did not play like their usual selves.

Saints got off to a great start and opened the scoring in the eighth minute from an amazing goal from Pedro Ricoy.

Ricoy took a free kick from Croatia's left corner arc that was completely missed by goalkeeper Steve Watson and ended up in the back of the net.

This was a bad mistake by Watson and a costly one for his side.

It also was the start Saints had been hoping for and they rammed home their advantage.

Three minutes later big Andy Koczka made it two with a glorious header from a David Skeen cross from the right.

This was the Saints machine at its glorious best and they turned on the style that warmed the hearts of their supporters.

Croatia came into the action in stops and starts and were never allowed to settle into any sort of playing pattern.

They did, however, bring the best out of goalkeeper Terry Greedy in the 20th and 21st minutes with good efforts from Manis Lamond and Zeljko Jurin.

The issue was put beyond any doubt in the 55th minute when young striker Scott Ollerenshaw finished off a brilliant move involving Skeen and Ricoy.

This was excellent stuff with accurate passing and good movement off the ball.

The only black spot in this encounter came in the 75th minute when Saints' Craig Moffitt and Croatia's David Rezo got their marching orders following a tussle.

It's my opinion that referee Chris Bambridge was a little harsh on both players here and a caution would have been sufficient.

Croatia's best effort came seven minutes from the end when a shot from Ivo Petkovic rattled the Saints crossbar.

However, by that time it was all over bar the shouting and Saints were into the Grand Final and Croatia into a play-off against Sydney Olympic.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Ricoy (Orsag 80), Moffitt; Petkovski (Slaveski 45), Koczka, Ollerenshaw.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson; Savor, M.Kovacic (Clich 54), Rumora, Jennings; Rezo, Petkov, Odzakov (A.Kovacic 85); Jurin, Arnold, Lamond.

REFEREE: Chris Bambridge Victoria.

CROWD: 6305



Players gather around Sydney Olympic's injured Gary Phillips.

UNLUCKY MARCONI

MARCONI, knocked out by Sydney Olympic from the 1986 Top Five Series 2-1 at the St George Stadium, can consider themselves most unlucky.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Olympic's first goal — a most generous penalty awarded by South Australian referee, Jim Rossis in the 22nd minute — was a cruel blow for Marconi.

Olympic's powerful winger Chris Kalantzis busted away down the left and was impeded by Marconi's Craig Mason.

In all honesty the offence deserved no more than an indirect free-kick.

Marconi had hit the lead as early as in the third minute when Argentinian winger, El Ali slung a perfect cross into Olympic's box from the left flank.

Marconi midfielder Ian Gray, rose gloriously to head down the cross for David Lowe to smack into the net from seven metres out.

But 19 minutes later Olympic was given their very early Christmas present which enabled them to get out of jail.

Five minutes from "drinks", El Ali — easily the best player on the pitch — streaked away down the left flank before he was felled by a covering, bone-crushing tackle by Olympic midfielder Stuart Johnston which was just short of a red-card offence.

Just three minutes before the break, Olympic looked most threatening.

Captain, Peter Raskopoulos gained possession just outside the box, rounded two Marconi defenders and slipped the ball into Marconi's six yard box looking for striker, Marshall Soper.

But Soper standing right in front of goal elected to wait for the ball to come to him, allowing Marconi's acrobatic goalkeeper, Bruce James to fly off his line and gather the ball off Soper's feet.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug in the 60th minute caused more than a little surprise when he decided to take off El Ali, who had ripped Olympic to pieces in the first half and replaced him with veteran Mark Jankovics.

Scheinflug's substitution pleased Olympic's right-back, Martyn Rogers who commented after the match to ASW:

"I was delighted to see El Ali go as it made the rest of the afternoon much easier for me."

Further disaster struck Marconi in the 65th minute when referee Rossis sent off tough-tackling central midfielder, Craig Mason.

Mason, while in possession, was heavily challenged by Olympic's robust Gary Phillips near the touchline. The referee ruled Mason had fallen roughly on Phillips' leg in retaliation for the "healthy" tackle.

The 68th minute presented a fabulous chance for Marconi to pull away from Olympic.

Marconi's intelligent, industrious striker, David Lowe, zipped down the right flank and drove a powerful square ball low, that flashed across Olympic's six yard box. Both Jankovics and then Rod Brown failed miserably to connect.

With five minutes left

and the scoreboard still locked in at 1 all, Phillips gained possession 55 metres out. Marconi's Lowe chased back to pressure Phillips but the latter swung the ball out wide to the right flank to pick up Soper.

Soper seemingly in an offside position, raided into the box from the right and drove his right-footed shot into the bottom left-hand corner of the net to push Marconi out of the 1986 Top Five Series and Olympic into tomorrow night's Preliminary Final against Sydney Croatia.

Best performers for Marconi were El Ali, Paul Carter, Peter Tredinnick, Lowe and Robbie Wheatley, whilst for Olympic, Phillips, Gary Meier, Raskopoulos, Mike Coady and Rogers stood out.

In a most dejected Marconi dressing room after the match the following comments were made with much justification.

Captain, Tony Henderson stated: "That referee came a very long way to give a very poor exhibition. If Kalantzis' incident was a penalty, we should have had one three times as much when David Lowe was upended in Olympic's box. This was a very bad way for our club to be pushed out of the Top Five Series."

David Lowe lamented: "I was hit from behind heavily in the box after playing a one-two with a teammate. We were denied a blatant penalty."

Defender Robbie Wheatley who was

FOOTSCRAY SHOW

THE Footscray camp has maintained all along this season that it had character and, although it took 24 weeks to show, it finally counted in the Southern Division minor semi-final with a handsome dividend.

BY CARLO DEL PORTO

After nine weeks without a victory Footscray won the knock-out final against Sunshine George Cross 2-0 and the high-flying Blues live to fight another day.

Footscray struggled against a superbly organised opponent for nearly all of the first half of a final that lacked spark. But a penalty in injury time of the first half broke the back of Sunshine and lifted the Blues out of the doldrums.

The penalty came only seconds before the half-time whistle when a corner from Ernie Tapai was floated into the box and Kevin Innes went high over the back of Vojo Vukevic and

knocked the burly Footscray defender senseless to the ground.

In a move that amazed the partisan gallery Zoran Nikotic the Footscray goalkeeper strode determinedly from his own penalty area to take the spot-kick.

With the coolness and calm sighted rarely from J.U.S.T. for many weeks he planted the penalty past his opposite number Sean Keogh to put his side in front.

The second half was a canter for the ball-playing Footscray wizards despite the never-say-die but decidedly one dimensional approach of Sunshine.

In the end George Cross pushing forward for all their worth for an equaliser left themselves

wide open for the counter punch and substitute Warren Spink obliged with an 88th minute goal to put the issue beyond doubt.

It was the end of the dream for George Cross but another chapter in the book of the Blues' rise to riches and now they must face the might of Brunswick Juventus in the preliminary final under lights on Wednesday.

It was a pensive Sunshine coach John Gardiner who wished Footscray the best for the rest of the season when he met the press after the game.

"The goal lifted them and at the same time I had to bore into my players for giving away such a silly goal," he explained.

"One team had to go out today and unfortunately it was us."

"The good thing is that both teams have finished near the bottom

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KNOCKED OUT OF SERIES



ABOVE: Sydney Olympic's Vicente Estavillo balances the ball despite the close attention of Marconi's David Lowe and BELOW: Marconi's Tony Henderson heads the ball away from Olympic's Tony Dakos while Lee Sterrey and Stuart Johnston look on.

cowardly punched in the back by an Olympic midfielder whilst he was being spoken to by the referee, stated: "It was a cruel exhibition and we deserved better."

Wheatley was also punched in the mouth by an Olympic striker in

the opening minutes of the match.

Scheinflug was bitter when stating: "Their penalty was not a penalty. The foul on Lowe was much more a penalty than theirs."

Marconi's President and NSL Executive vice-

chairman, Tony Labozzetta, was also critical, stressing: "The appointment made by the Referees' Board was not an intelligent one. Whilst I am a member of the Executive, this will never be allowed to happen again. The League should not be placed in

such a situation as this."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Moler: Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis: Johnston, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Soper, Kalantzis.

MARCONI: James: Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Wheatley: Gray, Mason, Tredinnick: Lowe, Brown, El Ali (Jankovic 60th-Gunning 82nd).

Referee: J. Rossis. Crowd: 6,305.

just wide again and it was shortly after this miss that Footscray really put the last nail in Sunshine's coffin.

And it was a classic goal on the break — Warren Spink found Zravko Lujic and the Footscray captain returned the compliment putting the ball perfectly into the path of Spink who had kept running and he had plenty of time to put the ball into the back of the net.

All in all Sunshine can hold their heads high knowing that they gave their all for the entire 90 minutes. Their best players last Sunday typically have performed well all year — their rock-solid defence of John Campbell, Shaun Parton, Steve Richardson and Tyrone James were pillars of strength who constantly pushed forward.

On the winners side elusive winger Zravko Lujic was always dangerous, midfielder Vlado Stosic showed the poise and skill that makes him such a star and big Tom Karic played a classical stopper's

role marking Carl Guilder out of the game but the Footscray star, who shone brightest in their win was the busy midfielder Ernie Tapai.

The diminutive workhorse believes his team is back on course for the premiership.

"We were waiting for a game like this and we clicked at the right time and now I really think we'll come good," he told ASW.

"We knew this was do or die but I'm very confident now that with this result under our belts we will go on from here."

Tomorrow night's clash with Brunswick Juventus should be a cracker — the Black and Whites just edged out the blues for the Southern Division title two weeks ago and the runners-up will be keen to atone for that disappointment.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktovic, Karic, Vukovic, Belle, Tapai, Stosic, Latif (Spink 69), Bozinovski, Lujic. SUNSHINE G.CROSS: Keogh, Campbell (Lennon 77), Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, Guilder, Mitten, Bain, Markovski, Innes (Edwards 71). Referee: R. Davies. Crowd: 4,500.

ADCITY FORCE WAY INTO SOUTHERN DIV FINAL

ADELAIDE City charged into the final of the Southern Division top five play-offs with a 2-0 win over champions Brunswick Juventus — thanks to two goals in two minutes — in a spiteful match at Hindmarsh Stadium.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Brunswick finished the game with only 10 players, but when Scott Patterson was sent off with two minutes to go the home side had already scored twice.

Patterson got his marching orders from Newcastle referee Jim Reeves for allegedly flooring City midfielder Charlie Villani behind the play.

It had been Villani who broke the deadlock in the 67th minute.

He raced down the middle of the park to collect a ball from Steve Maxwell, who had collected it from substitute Paul Wilde, who timed his pass to perfection.

Villani met the ball low from Maxwell, shrugged off would be Brunswick tacklers and gave goalkeeper Yakka Banovic no chance from inside the box.

Two minutes later another midfielder, Aureliu Vidmar headed in from the left of the box on the rebound from John Yzendoom's head.

The Brunswick Juventus defender was flattened by a Maxwell shot that he stopped on the line.

But the pencil-thin Vidmar was there with his head to deal the death blow to Juventus, who must now take on Footscray in the preliminary final in Melbourne tomorrow night (Wednesday).

Referee Reeves had a hard job in a tension packed game which saw no love lost between the two Italian-backed teams.

The pre-match drama started last week when firstly City secured the game after it had been scheduled for Melbourne at Olympic Park, the Brunswick home game.

Then City were shattered when told the match had to be switched from Olympic Sports Field, their home field, to Hindmarsh Stadium, the HQ of the SA Soccer Federation and Adelaide Hellas — at the request of Brunswick.

The Victorians also won another argument — the right to wear their regular black and white shirts which are the same as Adelaide City's.

City had to wear their alternative yellow shirts and red shorts but for the warm up appeared in their black and white strip which they peeled off to reveal the change strip.

Paul Shillabeer, who emerged as one of City's top players.

Too many of the home passes went astray and could have been punished but for the fact that City's men were willing to chase back, and along with Shillabeer, the sweeper and captain Buggy Nyskous was in magnificent form along with Flounders.

While the match is over the war is still on with City claiming they want to stage the final against Brunswick or Footscray because of the 5323 spectators who made the trip to Hindmarsh.

Brunswick are just as adamant that they will play only in Melbourne — if they beat Footscray.

The only dampener on City's victory was a severe ankle-injury to Socceroo Sergio Melta, who had to leave the field three minutes into the second half after playing most of the first half on one leg.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Tobin, Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskous, Villani, Santrac, Vidmar, Mullen, Maxwell, Melta (Wilde 48). BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic, Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoom, Wade, Cullen, Zinni, Palatsidis, Campbell, Patterson. Referee: Jim Reeves (Newcastle). Crowd: 5327.



Adelaide City's Joe Mullen caught in action.

CHARACTER



Oddie Latif.

for the last couple of years and both to progress this far this year has been really great."

Gardiner thought that his outfit had been on the wrong end of some poor refereeing from NSW man Rob Davies, but he had no complaints about the crucial

penalty decision.

The Sunshine coach would no doubt have been much happier had his men been able to make the most of their opportunities in front of goals.

Olympic Park looked a picture for the cut-throat clash and it was the spirits of the George Cross supporters which were lifted earliest when Carl Guilder put Noel Mitten through into the box after just five minutes but Mitten on his wrong foot only succeeded in putting the chance wide of the far post.

His miss was to set the scene for a day of untaken chances by George Cross thus underlining their lack of genuine finishers.

In the 63rd minute Mitten executed a splendid bicycle-kick which unfortunately sailed just over the bar.

Nine minutes before the end striker Roger Bain hammered a shot

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FOR many years Ampol Petroleum has been actively involved with NSW Soccer through sponsorship provided for the pre-season competition.

In recent seasons, rather than field their number one side, coaches have used the Cup as a testing platform to try new playing systems or provide the new signings with the opportunity to establish themselves in their team.

With the Cup being an experimental situation for the coaches, it has lost much of its early prestige.

Under these circumstances it was only a matter of time before Ampol decided they were getting little return for their investment.

At a time when Soccer is desperate for sponsors it is disappointing to see such a long association terminated. Surely steps should have been taken to upgrade the Cup and restore some lost prestige before the sponsors became so disenchanted with the set-up that they withdrew their sponsorship.

Still on sponsorship, it is great news to hear that the South Australian Breweries are contemplating financing the new league next year.

Hopefully their marketing people will take an active part in the promotion of the new league in 1987.

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With the season drawing to a climax, many fine performances will be rewarded with awards at the various ceremonies which occur at this particular time of the year.

This year has seen the emergence of many ex-

cellent new talents in the Northern and Southern divisions.

One player whose performances throughout the year have been responsible for his team's outstanding season is Graham Arnold.

Without doubt the consistently high standard of "Arny's" game has been the launching pad for Croatia's minor premiership and his performances in the green and gold against Czechoslovakia will ensure he is a permanent fixture in the Australian colours for years to come.

Arny's outstanding season deserves to be rewarded with the Player of the Year award when presentation time comes around.

Others in contention must include Arno Bertogna, Robbie Slater, and Theo Selemides.

Sunshine George Cross youngster, John Markovski, would be my selection for the Under 21 Player of the Year.

For a sixteen year old to be able to hold down a position in a successful NSL team is some achievement, but for one so young to be able to play such a significant part in his team's success is amazing.

The skills and quality goals we have seen from John this year stamp



Adelaide Hellas' ROBBIE DUNN gets above team-mate Tim Brown.

him as a star of the (not too distant) future. I wait with interest to see how he fares if he gets the opportunity to play in the Youth World Cup.

Footscray coach Dragoslav Sekularac will most probably carry off the Coach of the Year award.

Firstly he deserves it for having the courage to take the job in the first place and secondly for being able

to produce a successful team that, throughout the season, has played open attacking football with the emphasis on skilful interpassing. In previous years Footscray has provided little opposition to other teams and has generally finished as the cellar dwellers, barely avoiding relegation. This year the transformation has been astounding with Footscray leading the

competition for most of the season and only failing to take out the minor premiership in the last round.

Quite an effort for a coach to be able to achieve so much in just one season with a club.

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With the competition only just completed, already rumours are coming

thick and fast regarding club changes for next year.

Ten clubs have been relegated from the National League and this will mean a surplus of players available on the transfer market.

Because of the glut on the market these players will probably find much of their bargaining power has disappeared, with clubs holding the trump cards when negotiations are being held.

Still, if you can believe what you hear, some clubs are prepared to pay big money for the players they want to secure on contract.

Prime target for several Sydney clubs is ex-Canberra City goalkeeper Tony Franken, who will have little difficulty finding a club.

Don't be surprised to see Tony in the Croatian colours next season.

Although reported to



TERRY GREEDY

have already signed for West Adelaide, rumour has it that Robbie Dunn could be heading for Sydney.

And where will Frank Farina start the new season? Word has it that Frankie could be on the move, and the interested club will have little trouble beating other offers. Only time will tell?

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK



FRANK FARINA — moving?

RE-THINK NEEDED FOR NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

IT would appear Adelaide City has called the bluff of the Sydney and Melbourne National League clubs.

It was no secret the Sydneysiders and Melbournites wanted rid of everyone but themselves for 1987 and it almost came off.

The Brisbane pair, City and Lions, failed to make the cut-off for the "super league" as did

the Canberra clubs and Newcastle, plus Wollongong and Blacktown along with Monaro.

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A proposal came months ago from Melbourne which, if accepted, would have seen Adelaide vanish from the national scene.

And it is ironic that the SA Brewing Company is odds-on to sponsor the new-look league with \$2 million in cash.

It would be interesting to see what would happen if the sponsor, whichever company it is, turned round and said they wanted a NATIONAL competition — bring in Queensland, Canberra, Wollongong, Newcastle or its no deal. It would be just reward for the Sydney and Melbourne clubs if Adelaide City went on to take the national title.

As things worked out in the Southern Division they carry more support than Brunswick Juventus, the champions, Heidelberg, George Cross and Footscray, who joined the SA club for the top five play-offs.

And it was ludicrous

that Melbourne Juventus complained about having to play against City at the latter's home ground, Olympic Sports Field.

The other games were all scheduled for Olympic Park in Melbourne, the home of Juventus.

And St George in the Northern Division got to play their games in the play-offs at their ground.

The odds and the scheming have been stacked against clubs outside of Sydney and Melbourne.

Soccer led the way with its National League back in 1977, but now it will go into a competition which is anything but national.

Surely with the sponsorship money being touted as available next year, it is not too

late for the executive to have a rethink.

The method of selecting the 14 clubs was a farce.

Founder members or clubs with cash and following should have been chosen to launch the new set-up — finishing where in a ratings list should have been left until the end of next season.

Adelaide Hellas, winners of the league in

1978, can only blame themselves for their present plight, but if the chips were down for next year there would be no complaints.

As it is, the league has dumped one of the top crowd pullers.

However, the move may be a blessing in disguise, as after having twice before had to seek readmission to the National League, Hellas should have realised this season it was all or nothing.

Footscray certainly did its fans proud after seasons of misery, and although it missed the Southern title, it did make the top 14 easily for 1987.

Adelaide City's performance to finish third has been all the more remarkable because of the little money they had to spend on players, as we have mentioned so often before.

It is to be hoped that next season it can stand the pressure which will again come to squeeze out clubs regarded as so-called minnows by the alleged "super-teams" from Sydney and Melbourne.



One of Adelaide City's best — Charlie Villani.

TOM MCKAIN

ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

AS Soccer fans in Wollongong, Newcastle, Brisbane, Blacktown and Adelaide are tempted to start to look for alternative sports to support after being dumped from the NSL, let's have a look at the well presented and documented argument prepared by Wollongong secretary John Vlietstra.

Vlietstra's comments say all that needs to be said for Soccer in "Provincial" centres. The same centres have backed the national competition from day one or from their day of entry and have provided much of the impetus for the League since its infant days.

The Presidents,
All NSL Clubs.

Dear Sirs,

Our club has forwarded to the NSL the following Notice of Motion for deliberation at the forthcoming

ing Council of Clubs Meeting to be held at the APIA Club. (NB-cancelled by the NSL). "That the proposal for a 14 team NSL competition in 1987 be deferred until an acceptable set of conditions

is presented for its implementation."

An acceptable set of conditions for the implementation of the 14 team competition would have to be at least equal to, if not better than, those conditions which

existed in 1976 prior to the start of the NSL. Some of those conditions were as follows:-

1. A four year guaranteed major sponsorship from Philips.

2. An enthusiastic reception to the plan,

based on the success of the Socceroos in 1974 and the fact that Soccer was then the first sport to go truly national, embracing six State Federations.

3. New areas such as Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra and Newcastle were included.

4. The participating clubs were financially sound to the extent that they employed full-time coaches/managers as well as full-time secretaries in most cases. The clubs could also afford to bring to Australian quality overseas players.

5. An almost 100% enthusiastic response from the supporters reflected in record attendances, and complete support from the media which included commercial television with match of day screening on Channel TEN. It also signalled the start of more exclusive Soccer newspapers.

History confirms that the 14 team NSL format commenced in 1977 started to fail after four years which coincided with the loss of the major sponsor Philips. From then on a series of modifications were introduced to cover the shortfall of funding with, firstly, an increase in membership to sixteen and ultimately 24 clubs. Other modifications, agreed to reluctantly at times by the clubs, were the ever increasing affiliation fees and other costs associated with the NSL's inability to attract sponsorship coupled with the determination of the clubs that the NSL must survive.

In November 1985 a decision was made to implement the 14 team format in 1987 but the decision was taken with the proviso that an acceptable set of criteria had to be presented by a certain date. It was clearly understood at that time that the criteria included such things as:-

a) Financial viability of member clubs.

b) Administrative ability of member clubs.

c) Regional representation.

d) Crowds and spectator facilities.

e) Clubs' past contribution to the League.

f) Ability to attract spectators.

g) Past performance.

h) Present performance.

j) NSL sponsorship. These criteria were not presented to the clubs by the due date. When finally presented, they were substantially watered down criteria which included only past performance (previous promises such as developmental status and its effect on past performance conveniently forgotten), present performance and attendance. Finally, in a most undemocratic way, the criteria already presented to the clubs for deliberation were conveniently dumped at the meeting in Melbourne in March and a new set placed before the delegates, and immediately voted on.

Sadly, the initial criteria which clubs sought in November 1985 and which were such an important ingredient in the success of the NSL in the years 1977 to 1980, were conveniently forgotten.

Due to these incredible new criteria and selection system, the area which has contributed more to the development of Soccer in Australia and the NSL has been severely cut in its representation: the Northern Division has lost six clubs, Queensland its two representatives, South Australia one of its representatives but Victoria has lost just one club.

The Sydney clubs who for the past ten years have put their money where their mouths are and have subsidised all other clubs, some more than others, are now faced with the prospect that the National League will be controlled by the Melbourne clubs.

It must also be stated that the financial contribution by the Sydney clubs over the years was made in the interest of developing the sport outside of the major capital cities and without a doubt the growth of Soccer in areas such as Brisbane, Adelaide,



THIS week
JOHNNY WARREN
gives a special and factual look at the revamped NSL through the eyes of one of the affected clubs — Wollongong City.

Canberra and Newcastle has been phenomenal.

These areas now represent great nurseries for future Australian born Soccer stars and their lack of future representation in the National Soccer competition would be a tragedy and a tremendous handicap to the future development of Australia as a Soccer nation.

As only three of the six State Federations will now be represented, it would appear that the National League is in breach of its original charter and as such, steps should probably be taken by the Australian Soccer Federation either to enforce the original charter or to proceed to wind up the NSL.

However, the NSL, as presently constituted, represents the best medium for organising and controlling a National competition embracing six State Federations.

Our club believes that in the interests of future development of Soccer in Australia and our competitiveness with rival football codes, coupled with the uncertainty of the economic climate in Australia, this is not the time to introduce the proposed 14 team format.

We therefore request your support for our motion to delay implementation until the conditions as set out in this letter are attained.

J. Vlietstra
Secretary

AUSTRALIA HOST OFFICIAL VISIT

CHARLES PERKINS, Chairman of the World Championship Organising Committee announced today that Australia would host a visit to Australia of the President of the INTERNATIONAL INDOOR FOOTBALL FEDERATION (FIFUSA), between the 8th and 15th October 1986.

The purpose of this visit is for the President to examine the suitability of playing facilities

and to endorse the action of the FIFUSA Committee in granting the 1988 World Championships to Australia.

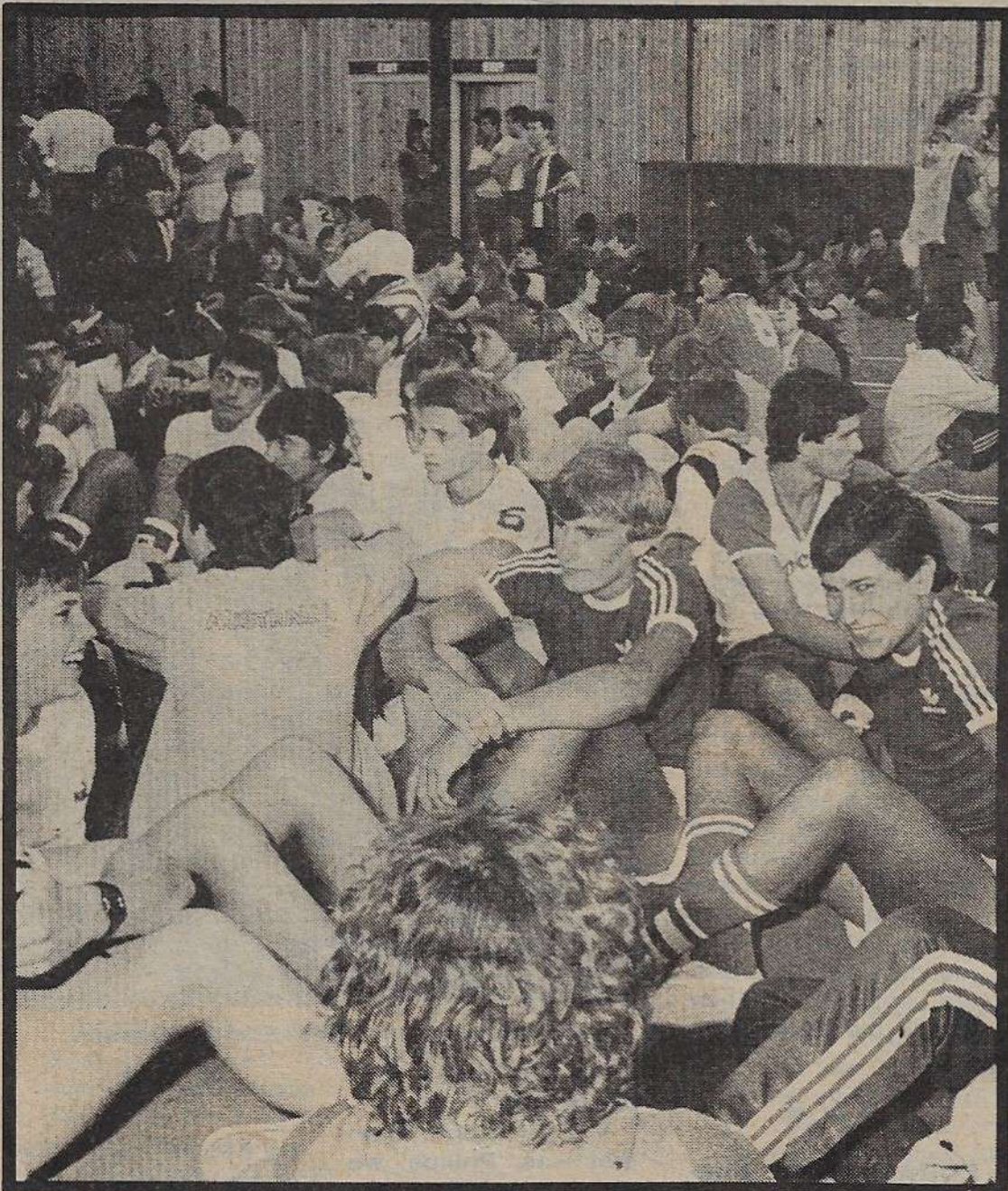
Januario D'Alessio the FIFUSA President, lives in Brazil and is empowered to finalise negotiations in this mat-

ter on behalf of the international controlling body of Indoor Soccer for the 1988 World Championships and will sign the final contract prior to the conclusion of his visit.

During Mr D'Alessio's visit arrangements have been made for him to visit Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth in order to meet with State organising committees, Government representatives and the media in order to assist in the preparation and development of the World Championship program.

The highlight of the visit will be an official dinner hosted by the Brazilian Ambassador in Canberra. This will be supported by brief appointments with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Sport, the Hon. John Brown MP, and the various State Ministers for Sport.

Australia is expecting to be hosting visits by most of the leading football nations as part of the World Championships which will in itself be a first time event for Australia. The nations include Argentina, Brazil, Spain, China, Portugal, Paraguay, plus nine others to be finalised by participation in qualifying rounds.



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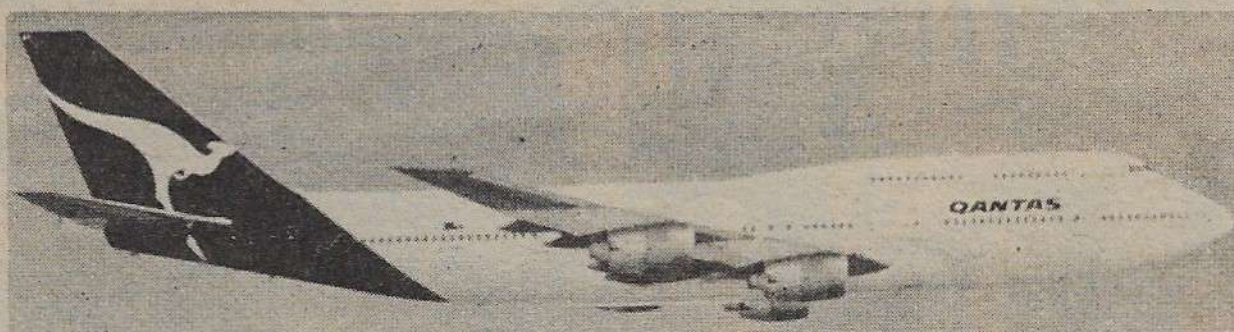
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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

THE WHISPER is out that there is about to be a split in the Adelaide Hellas camp at its annual general meeting following their apparent relegation from the National League.

Some members want all the "name players" like Robbie Dunn, Charlie Yankos, Alan Scott, Gary Ward and Graham Honeyman and Gary Price, sold and only young locals used for the State League next year.

This could prove a disaster if the club wants to come back into the super scene.

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THE Queensland Branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association will hold its annual awards night at Perry Park on Wednesday, October 15 and have secured a well-known sporting personality as their guest speaker.

Former Queensland rugby league supremo Ron McAuliffe will make a rare trip to Soccer headquarters for the prestigious awards night.

Ron has some revolutionary views on administration and the direction to head for the 90's but the most interest will no doubt be in hearing his thoughts over the aborted Brisbane rugby league move to Sydney. With Lions and Brisbane City recently axed from the National Soccer League, it will be interesting to see whether Ron considers that good or bad for the code.

JUAN CUTILLAS, the highly qualified and well respected Spanish coach with Brisbane XXXX League club Olympic United, had an unfortunate end to the season. Despite taking Olympic United from second last in the competition last year to third with one fixture to go this season, Cutillas was attacked by an angry club supporters after the final game.

Olympic needed a win to stay in the top four but lost 3-0 to Mount Gravatt when Cutillas had to field Colts keeper John Spathis when regular No.1 Gordon Otto was injured. Despite all Cutillas had achieved during the year, one stupid "supporter" seemingly was not happy and blamed Cutillas for throwing away a semi-final spot.

The worrying thought for Olympic United officials now is whether the incident has soured Cutillas' intentions of staying at Goodwin Park for another year. The Spaniard, with playing and coaching credentials linked with real Madrid, is being hotly pursued by a number of clubs — including, we are told, Lions and Brisbane City.

And therein lies another story, which is being kept a tight-lipped but fast leaking secret at one of the former NSL clubs.



Action from last week's epic Marconi — Sydney City match.

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation official John Hedison is backing the major marketing drive which involved last week's Soccer Expo 1986 at Valentine Park, Parklea. Contact can be made through normal channels with the major licensees included on Page 24 of last week's ASW. John reckons that utilising the scheme helps the club, the NSW Amateur organisations and Soccer as a whole.



JOHN HEDISON

SCOTT Dickson could have played his last game with Wollongong City.

He is something of a forgotten man of the NSL but Sydney coaches have long memories.

Dickson injured a knee in an Ampol Cup match against Melita in February and missed the full league season.

His absence almost certainly cost the club a place in the 14-team league next season and he could be playing in it with another club.

A very talented player in most positions, Dickson isn't keen to drop back to the State League.

It will be interested to see which club makes him the best offer and which other Wollongong players decide to make a move.

Of course there is always the chance the Wolves will make all their players offers they can't refuse and if this happens they have to be a strong force in any State competition.

A fit Scott Dickson and Saul Rivero could make a world of difference.

WEST WALLSEND defender Mark Twohill had to be satisfied when his team won the Northern Division premiership. The "Bluebells" had to settle for the runners-up position when they met Belmont Swansea in the grand final. Twohill, 28, prefers the middle of the defence, but he has also covered as right-back.

NOTHING official, but it is understood SA's Alan Scott got a good report from assistant National coach Eddie Thomson.

The Hellas all-rounder was impressive against Sydney City in the Nanda Cup final.



Robbie Dunn and Eddie Thomson.

DID our eyes deceive us?

If they didn't, then that was 'Phillips' we saw engraved on the trophy which was presented to Sydney City for winning the Nanda Cup final against Adelaide Hellas the other week.

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IT'S been an odd season in the SA State League with four championship teams.

Campbelltown won the Rothmans First Division, Hellas the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup, Azzurri the PGH Federation Cup and as we went to press Beograd and Croatia, still to win a trophy, were preparing for the West End Cup final.

DESPIKE the disappointment of missing the elimination semi-final against his old club Marconi, Sydney City's TOMMY McCULLOCH has had a very good time at the Slickers' den.

Since moving from his limited time at APIA, McCulloch has found his touch once more whilst playing in the middle of the Slickers line-up.

He missed the thrill-a-minute semi-final against Marconi because of a nagging stomach injury.

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ZORAN Matic, Adelaide City coach, is going to use a novel method of recruiting players for next season.

He will make a public announcement inviting all players who think they can make it in the National League to contact City and arrange to trial with them.

"We have some players in mind, but if others can let us know if they want a move — and they don't cost the earth — we will be interested in talking to them," he said.

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Union seeker — JOHN KOSMINA in an aggressive mood for Australia.

CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



WOLLONGONG City coach John Fleming flies off for a holiday in England at the weekend with his future still in the balance.

He had talks with Wolves' chairman Laurie Kelly before leaving after the news the 14-team NSL may go ahead regardless.

With the Wollongong team back in the State League, Kelly is hopeful of retaining Fleming.

"John will make a decision on his future in the near future," Kelly said.

"My board wants him to stay on but it is just a case of us agreeing on a contract."

There have been rumours that a Sydney NSL club is interested in talking with Fleming before he leaves at the weekend.

A 17-year-old schoolboy from Sydney's western suburbs will embark on a trip later this year which could lead him along a similar, successful path to the one trekked by fellow Australians Craig Johnston and Tony Dorigo.

David Scott, who has already represented Australia at Under 16 level, has the chance that many youngsters dream of — a professional career in British football.

On December 28 the Greystanes High School student will leave behind a summer of sun, sand and surf for the cold and snow of Europe as a member of the NSW All Schools squad which will tour Germany, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

At the end of that tour Scott and his good mate Chris Ackerley will head for Britain to try their luck.

First call will be in Glasgow, where they will spend two months training with either Celtic or Rangers before heading for England and a two-month stint with Manchester United.

Scott, naturally, is looking forward to the experience and the opportunity to improve on his already undoubted talent.

"Things like this don't happen to everyone and I hope I can make the most of it," he said.

Refreshing to hear him claim that even if he makes it the big time overseas, "I would want to play only for the Socceroos."

NEW ZEALAND is very much on the move to upset the Australians for the two Trans-Tasman clashes in Auckland on October 25, and at Parramatta Stadium, on November 2.

The Kiwi authorities have informed the ASF that they intend to book their team into the hotel usually used by the Socceroos when they play in Auckland.

On receiving the information, the ASF acted accordingly and booked the Socceroo party into another comfortable Auckland hotel.

Two can play the game it seems, as now the ASF has informed the NZFA that they will be using the hotel wanted by the Kiwis, when they come to Sydney for the return game.

DAVID LOWE's frequent move back to midfield for Marconi in big matches suggests that is where his future lies.

According to his coach Les Scheinflug, 'Lowey' should be cracking at least 18 goals a season but he has paid the price for a Marconi midfield which hasn't lived up to expectations and he has had to create rather than get regularly into scoring positions.

So far he has scored seven times this season but has been at his best and most effective when dropping into a central midfield position and squirting the passes away from there.

Notably in two of Marconi's last three games the side has picked up their tempo when Lowe has dropped back into the middle. He started last week's revival with a fine goal from midfield against Sydney City.

Lowe has worked extremely hard on his fitness and pace this season. Maybe his tireless work during all matches could well be better spent in the middle of the park, not only for Marconi but for Australia too.

THE upcoming performances of the Socceroos could well depend on the availability or the unavailability of the two most experienced men in the current side — notably the skipper JOHN KOSMINA and his deputy DAVID RATCLIFFE.

Both have already announced that they may have to pass up this opportunity but coach Frank Arok is still hopeful.



One of the Brisbane trumps — John Ogen.

WAYWARD former Australian international MIKE PETERSEN of current champions Brunswick Juventus, who was axed from the national squad and heavily fined for disciplinary reasons during last year's World Cup elimination games, has repented.

Petersen, 20, a fine midfielder wrote to national boss Frank Arok apologising for his behaviour.

The inexperienced youngster has asked to be given a second chance and the opportunity to regain his place in the national squad for the coming Trans Tasman clashes against New Zealand and the tour of China and Asia in November.

Petersen initially got himself into hot water when he turned up for an interstate flight improperly dressed in a track suit.

The rest of the squad were dressed in their national team blazers. A few days later he flew to Sydney to join the squad but changed his mind at Mascot Airport and flew straight back to Melbourne.

He was also involved in an incident when an Israeli media man offered to take him to the Liverpool club in England for a trial.

The outcome of the whole affair saw him axed from the squad and fined by the ASF, but hope springeth eternal...

SOCCEROO captain JOHN KOSMINA, frustrated by what he calls a "season of injustices", has called for the establishment of a players' union in Australian Soccer.

A long time campaigner for players' rights, 'Kossie' said such a move would bring the sport in line with most other football codes in Australia and overseas.

"It is about time we started another push to form some kind of union to look after our interests," said the Socceroo skipper.

"For too long players, both at club and international level in Australia, have been taken for granted, especially with regard to sending-offs, rights of appeal and playing wages."

Socceroo vice-captain and St. George defender DAVID RATCLIFFE, who was a member of the powerful players' union in England during his time with Bradford City, agrees with the concept.

"The union in England is very well run and is very strong. Obviously it wasn't that way from the start, but it has grown steadily," says Ratcliffe.

"You are virtually forced to be a part of it, but the benefits are there for all the players."

"If it was to get off the ground here then it would have to be done properly. It would have to be everyone in or not at all."

"With the right legal people and players like Kossie involved I think a union here would have something going for it."

FULL credit to APIA for noting the good job Rale Rasic has done this year at Lambert Park.

Out Leichhardt way they are hailing the former Socceroo coach as the man who saved APIA from the Soccer wilderness, and subsequently he got a new four-year contract.

Nick Papallo, president of APIA's licensed club, is delighted at the way the team performed this season and said: "Why wouldn't we ask him back? He has done a terrific job."

Joe Prestia, chairman of APIA's Soccer committee also had high praise for Rasic's ability and claimed he had tremendous faith in him.

"I have a lot of time for him, he has done a wonderful job with the club."

SEVERAL big name Sydney players including a well-known Socceroo are believed to have been approached to play in a friendly match in Brisbane between Lions and newly promoted XXXX League team Rochdale.

Lions promised Rochdale a match as part of the deal which saw Col Bennett switch from the intermediate leaguers to Richlands mid-way through the season. Rochdale officials are keen to make as much money as possible out of the fixture and a spring end-of-season break in Queensland no doubt will be appealing to those approached.

Flashback

FRANK MITCHELL

— AN AUSSIE WHO WAS CAPPED FOR ENGLAND

THESE days we talk about whether Tony Dorrico could end up playing for England or whether Craig Johnston could get a late call up for Scotland.

In other times Joe Marston, a Leichhardt boy who started his schooling at Kegworth Public School, just up the street from Lambert Park, played in an English Cup final and represented the English League.

But in 1946 Frank Mitchell, born in Goulburn, went one better by playing for England against Scotland in a full international.

Mitchell began his Soccer in Sydney as a schoolboy. His family returned to England after his father was killed in a plane accident at

Tamworth in 1930.

He secured county honours as a schoolboy and served in the English Merchant Navy during World War II.

Mitchell played as an amateur with Coventry City. Moving around during the war, he guested with Arsenal, Portsmouth, Southampton and Hearts.

Afterwards he built a fine reputation as left-half with Birmingham City.

But surely for a Goulburn and Sydney Soccer youngster representing England against Scotland was the highlight.



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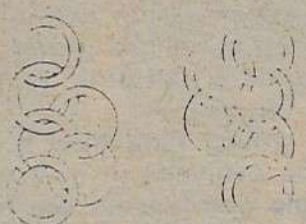
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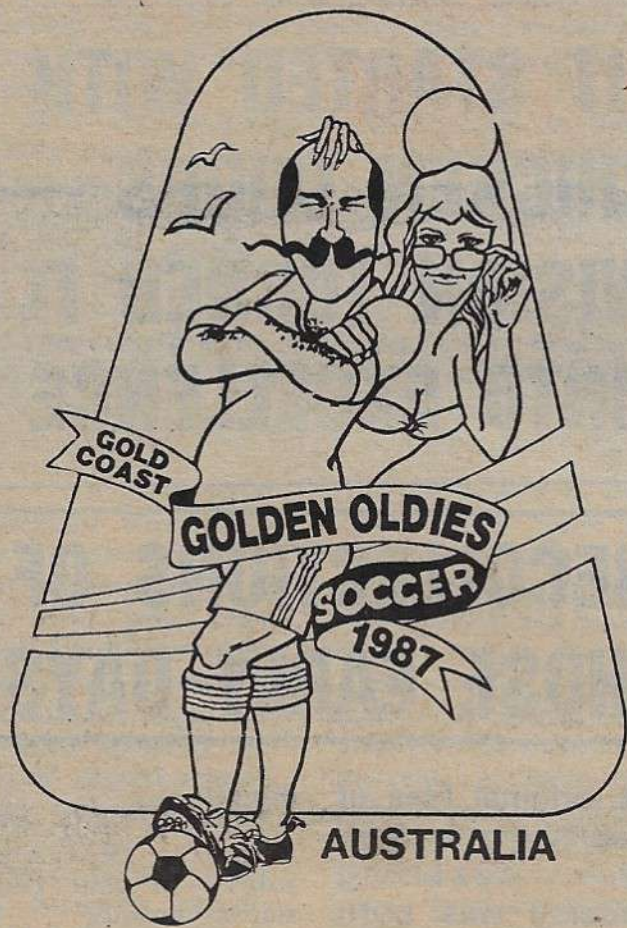
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GOLDEN OLDIES COMES TO AUSTRALIA

OCTOBER 1987 will see a steady stream of teams from all parts of the globe flood into Queensland's Gold Coast to take part in the third Golden Oldies "World Cup" series.



Some of the glittering British stars that have been secured include:

Alex Stepney, Dave Watson, Brian Kidd, Dave Needham, John Barnwell, Mick Channon, Mike Summerbee, John Robertson, Dave Thomas, Archie Gemmell, Dennis Tueart, Ian Gillard, Don Masson, Jack Charlton and Jimmy Rimmer.

And if these names were not enough, negotiations are well down the track at the

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Further squads expected to enter will come from:

The West Indies 2, England 2, New Zealand 10, the United States of America 1, Canada 2 and Australia another 11.

The Organisers of the Golden Oldies, which will be heavily sponsored once again by Air New Zealand, told ASW that the Festival has to be limited to 60 teams.

in Santa Monica in the USA.

Now the third such event has been set down for the Gold Coast, where fabulous facilities and climatic conditions will enthrall the players coming to Australia for the first time.

Last year in the United States, squads from New Zealand, Australia, America, Trinidad, Canada and Tobago all entered the Golden Oldies, a festival which provides a Soccer-fun-holiday atmosphere.

PLAYING VENUES

The Gold Coast area is able to provide no less than 12 Soccer pitches, most of which have clubhouse and full change, shower and spectator facilities.

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HOW TO ENTER YOUR TEAM FOR THE NEXT GOLDEN OLDIES FESTIVAL

Australian teams wishing to enter the next Golden Oldies should contact the Golden Oldies Festival Director:

Mr Peter Williamson.
P.O. Box 756.
Burleigh Heads.
Queensland 4220.

Tele: 075 356644.

GOLDEN OLDIES SOCCER FESTIVAL

Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Australia

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The Golden Oldies Super-Soccer Festival will kick-off on Sunday October 11 and will end seven days later after a Grand Finale Dinner at the fabulous tourist attraction of golden Queensland, "Seaworld".

The Soccer Festival will be officially opened by Queensland premier, Sir Joh. Bjelke-Petersen.

The Golden Oldies Soccer Festival organisers have already gained the full support of local and State Government bodies.

Included amongst these teams will be a special squad from England that will be made up of former stars from Manchester United, Wolves, Spurs and Man-

chester City, as well as other former English and Scottish Internationals.

At this stage, the organising committee of the Golden Oldies, headed up by Peter Williamson, Barrie Rogers, Jim Selby and Jim Rodgers, have lined up a galaxy of England and Scottish stars to come to Australia to take part in this spectacular event.

The organisers will be in Sydney next week on a promotional tour for the Golden Oldies, after which they fly out to Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.



Kenny Koala (Dreamworld) Official Festival Mascot!

moment with Bobby Charlton, Francis Lee, Colin Bell and Kenny Hibbett.

TEAMS ALREADY ENTERED

More than 600 players are expected to take part in this spectacular and unforgettable Festival in October 1987 on the Gold Coast.

New Zealand already has entered 15 squads, Australia to date have signed up six teams, and the West Indies will bring in two as will Canada.

BACKGROUND OF ENTRY FOR GOLDEN OLDIES TEAMS

All players must be over the age of 35.

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The State League Story

VALENTINE PARK — JEWEL IN THE NSW CROWN

THE NSW Soccer Federation is to receive a further boost to its funds from the NSW Government in the near future.

This was announced by the NSW Sports Minister Michael Cleary MP when he officially opened the modern motel style accommodation block at Valentine Park, Parklea.

BY FRANK FINLAY

The assurance was also personally conveyed to Charlie Valentine, the Federation's longest serving executive member as well as its treasurer.

Speaking at the opening function before 150 guests drawn from all over NSW, Michael Cleary turned to Charlie Valentine and said: "Do not fret, Charlie. I will not forget."

"You will receive a cheque which will be for a larger sum than last time."

Mr Cleary later revealed that \$120,000 would later be handed over.

Mr Cleary said that so far this year Footytab had a record turnover of \$9 million.

"I will get \$900,000 to distribute for sport in this state as there is more to come yet from English rugby league."

"I am delighted to be here to open this new motel type accommodation block."

"The residential facilities catering for 180 people together with meeting rooms, change rooms and a gymnasium nearby, the cafeteria and dining rooms make Valentine Park one of the foremost sporting complexes in Australia."

"The NSW Government has been aware for some time of the imagination and initiative within the NSW Soccer Federation which has led to the establishment of this magnificent facility."

"As far back as 1979 we made our first allocation under the department's capital assistance programme."

"The important point about the Government's contribution of more than \$1,500,000 is that the money represents the faith that we have had in the project."

"It shows that when a sporting organisation displays initiative and determination to de-



NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine and Sports Minister Michael Cleary with the official party at Valentine Park.

velop a facility for the benefit of people from all over the state, this Government will be there to help as far as we can."

Mr Cleary thanked local MPs Bob Christie (Seven Hills), Richard Amery (Riverstone) and John Aquilina (Blacktown) for their help in establishing Valentine Park.

He said that they had recognised the importance of Valentine Park to their region, and suggested that it be allocated government funds ahead of other projects

in their individual electorates.

Mr Cleary also congratulated NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine and everybody concerned with the Federation's development of Valentine Park.

NSW Government grants to the project so far are: 1979/80 \$217,500, 1980/81 \$60,000 (gymnasium), 1985/86 \$1,000,000 special allocation arranged by Mr Cleary and former premier Neville Wran, plus so far from Footytab \$260,000, for a total of \$1,537,000.



Mr Cleary went on to say that 20 years of dreams and hopes became a reality on September 10, 1985 when the entire main project was declared open.

Quite rightly the dedication of Mrs Joan Valentine received mention. Her conduct of the 'restaurant' department has to be seen to be believed.

He also said: "The altruistic and constant work of Eric Arneil as project manager cannot be praised enough."

"Eric is an untiring workhorse and a first class expert when it comes to a project like the new accommodation block, or any Soccer establishment for that matter."

"It will be up to the NSW Soccer Federation how it will spend the (next) grant."

"It can spend it on Valentine Park or any other project. I will not interfere."

The other project on the go at the moment is the Melita Stadium at South Granville.

He concluded by pointing out that Soccer clubs and organisations should maintain firm support towards the development of the complex.

IT STARTED WITH CHICKEN COOPS — VISION TURNED IT INTO EXCELLENCE

RECOLLECTIONS OF THOSE EARLY DAYS

THE original idea of establishing a Soccer coaching academy was born in the late fifties.

A group of enthusiastic coaches, many of whom had arrived in Australia in the post-war immigration boom, were the originators of the scheme.

They included former much-loved National coach, the late Joe Vlasis, Denes Adrigan and Bill Vrolyks.

Many others, including the late Jim Bellwood and the late Andy McLaughlin, were also to the fore.

Bill Vrolyks attended the motel accommodation block opening from his home in the Gosford district, and recalled the early days of the

project. "It was only when Charlie Valentine joined in that things started moving."

"All monies from coaching courses were ploughed back into the project and Charlie organised the fund-raising activities."

"The people involved know that the day would come when Parramatta, which is the main centre for the Parklea area, would be the centre of Sydney, so they displayed excellent foresight."

"They also started up coaching in the country and setting up branches in every state of Australia."

"In a word it was a truly remarkable achievement," Vrolyks said.

FEDERATION AIMS FOR PARKLEA GRANDSTAND

THE next major step to be taken by the NSW Soccer

Federation over the Parklea development will involve an approach to the Federal Government.

It is expected that the government will be asked to provide \$1,500,000 over a two year span to develop a grandstand with seating for in excess of 2,000 people.

The member for Parramatta is Federal Sports Minister John Brown, who would be well apprised of the potential of Parklea from his own local knowledge.

Project manager Eric Arneil said: "The proposed grandstand would have medical quarters, offices, referees and players' dressing rooms and other ancillary features."

Unquestionably this addition would provide the top class spectator facilities that Valentine Park needs.



CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie Valentine with minister Michael Cleary from Albury official and ASW correspondent Frank Finlay.

MICHAEL CLEARY, NSW Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, unveils the plaque recording the latest additions to Valentine Park.

— FRANK FINLAY

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Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire

WITNESS AN EXCITING PROGRAMME OF STATE LEAGUE SOCCER

STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

SUTHERLAND OUTGUNS MANLY

BY STEVE SHELDON

SUTHERLAND stretched their remarkable winning streak when they brushed aside Manly Warringah 1-0 in a thrilling State League Soccer final at Melita Stadium.

Sutherland have only lost once in their last 15 outings — ironically, to Manly — and they are certain to give Melita plenty of trouble when they clash in the grand final next Monday.

"We're the improvers" declared elated coach, John Lavin. "We've been getting better each week and our performance against Manly was no exception."

"It was a pretty hard game and I thought we put up a great effort against a team which was just as determined as us to reach the grand final."

The match itself was hard and fast throughout with the similar strength and style of the both sides providing for an evenly balanced encounter in which goal scoring opportunities were at a premium.

In the first half, Sutherland ran with the breeze and put sustained pressure on the Manly defence.

They came closest to scoring in the 17th minute when a back pass by Manly's Gary van Egmond was intercepted by striker Daryl Sharp, who was denied a

shot by the slick Manly cover defence.

Manly refused to be penned down and, at the other end, almost broke the deadlock when a shot by Robbie Stuart was well saved by Sutherland keeper, Craig Burchmore.

After the break, Manly, with the advantage of the wind, camped inside Sutherland's territory but were unable to find a path through their opponents' well organised defence.

Manly's best chance came from a free kick in the 50th minute after Stuart was brought down 22 metres out from goal.

Manly midfielder, Paul Marshall, coolly strode to the ball and cracked a seemingly unstoppable drive low to the right of Burchmore.

With amazing ability and reflexes, Burchmore flung himself at the ball and managed to turn it around the post, an astonishing piece of keeping which was every bit the equal of Marshall's scorching shot.

Five minutes later, it was Sutherland's turn to attack when Mark Harrington broke Manly's

offside trap and with only the keeper, Bob Catlin, to beat, skimmed the right post with his shot.

The game looked set for a draw until, in the 65th minute, Sutherland took the lead following a rare error in the reliable Manly defence.

A corner on the left was steered towards Manly midfielder, Jimmy Campbell, who mis-kicked his clearance straight to the feet of Sutherland striker, Daryl Sharp, standing six metres from the goal line.

True to his name, Sharp reached swiftly and smashed a right foot volley into the base of the net.

Five minutes later, Sutherland almost extended their margin when their ever-dangerous midfielder, Steve Meades, cracked a drive just wide of the right post.

Although Manly fought hard to grab the equaliser, they were repeatedly denied by Sutherland's tight defence.

Lavin was delighted with Sutherland's performance but was unable to single out any

players for special mention.

"I thought we had the majority of the chances and only our finishing let us down", said Lavin.

"For me, no players stood out. Everyone played well and the team functioned well as a unit."

The same comment could well be directed to Manly.

In a sensational second grade final, Warringah Freshwater outlasted Penrith City by 14 penalties to 13 after the teams were locked at 1-1 after extra time.

In the spine-tingling penalty shoot out, both keepers were forced to take spot kicks.

Sutherland edged out Rockdale Illinden 2-1 in the third grade final.

Melita have already qualified for the grand final in both grades and the rare chance for a clean sweep of all three grades is at their fingertips.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Terry, Burrows, Lerond, Meades, Harrington, Johnston, Hughes, Sharp (Hill 80m).

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, van Egmond, Dick, Dean, Etherington, Marshall, Campbell, Allan, McIntosh, Stuart (Davidson 80m).



NSW Rothmans Medal winner **BRETT WOODS** with NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine (left), NSW Sports Minister Michael Cleary and Rothmans NSW Manager Jim Long.

GRAND FINAL PREVIEW

AFTER Sutherland's threat to boycott the grand final if it was not played at a neutral ground, the NSW Soccer Federation have acted responsibly in shifting the match from Melita Stadium to St George Stadium.

The date of the match will also be changed to Monday, October 6.

Both teams have a

history of epic top four struggles and next Monday's grand final will be no exception.

Melita, who won the grand final in 1985, are the hot favourites to complete a memorable year in which they have already taken out the minor premiership.

However, Sutherland, who last won the grand final in 1978 and are currently in devastating form, will prove to be underdogs in name only.

"We're looking forward to the game" said Sutherland coach, John Lavin. "It should be a great contest."

"We're not worried about being beaten and our tactic will be to go on the attack."

PS: As ASW goes to press on Monday, the match report will appear in the follow weeks edition on Tuesday, October 14.

NORTH RYDE WINS THIRD DIV. HONOURS

NORTH RYDE RSL State League Div.3 1st Grade won the grand final for the second year running with a 2-0 win over Granville Chile at Popenetta Park.

Lying in fifth position with the last game of the round to go, North Ryde RSL came home strongly by beating West United 3-0 in the last game of competition and then went all out for the semi-final against Rooty Hill.

This was played at Rooty Hill's home ground and with the score at 2-2 no one had scored a fair dinkum goal, with two own goals coming from North Ryde and one own goal by Rooty Hill plus a penalty to North Ryde. But the final score was North Ryde 3 Rooty Hill 2.

The grand final saw minor premiers Granville-Chile face North Ryde RSL at Popenetta Park where North Ryde had won the 1985 Grand Final 1-0 against King Tomislav.

Both sides played good attacking football and it was North Ryde RSL's Gary Salverson who put the first goal away.

In the second half it was all North Ryde's way and Paul Mamo, who scored last year's winning goal, put away the sealing goal.

Granville Chile's Mauricio Rivera unfortunately missed a penalty. Final score: North Ryde RSL 2 Granville Chile 0.

North Ryde RSL Committee would like to thank their coach, Mr Tony Farrar and manager, Walter Mamo and the whole first grade squad.

The players were: Goalkeeper: Kevin Farrar, Fullbacks: Mark Currow, Graham Friend, Sweeper and Captain: Ian Brown (Ian stood down for last year's grand final due to four yellow cards — great to see him play this year), Stopper: Kirk Hormann, Midfielders: Gary Salverson, Mark Lewin, Glen Shepard, Ralph Balacastro, Strikers: Brett Spice and Paul Mamo. Reserves: Dario Regitis, Jeff Loone, Pierre, Peter Yates. Injured: Robert Righton.

VICTORIAN AWARDS

AWARDS for presentation this week by the Victorian Division of the Australian Soccer Press are:

Player of the Year: Alan Hunter (Heidelberg), U21 Player of the Year: Angelo Postecoglou (South Melbourne), Referee of the Year: Chris Bambridge, Coach of the Year: Drago Sekularic.

SLICKERS MEET

SYDNEY CITY Soccer Supporters Club will meet tomorrow night (Wednesday) at the Hakoah Club. A spokesman said: "The idea is to refute the mischievous rumours about our participation in the 1987 League, and to reaffirm that we will field a top quality team consistent with our traditions in Australian Soccer".

ALL AGE
St George v Gladesville 2-3
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland 7-6p
Nepean v Manly 2-1
Southern Dists bye

NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

UNDER 9		UNDER 15	
Canterbury v Granville	2-1	Canterbury v Gladesville	6-1
Macarthur v South & Eastern	1-2	Illawarra v South Dists	2-0
Nepean v Manly	0-1	Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland	2-4
Southern Dists WOF		Bankstown v Manly	1-5
UNDER 10		UNDER 16	
Canterbury v Gladesville	1-2	St George v Granville	1-2
Illawarra v Southern Dists	0-2	Griffith v South Dists	4-5
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland	0-5	Mitchell v Sutherland	0-3
Bankstown v Manly	2-1	Bankstown v Manly	3-1
UNDER 11		UNDER 17	
Canterbury v Granville	1-2	St George v Gladesville	2-1
Illawarra v Southern Dists	0-1	Griffith v South Dists	3-0
Macarthur v South & Eastern	2-1	Mitchell v Sutherland	0-3
Nepean v Manly	5-1	Bankstown bye	
UNDER 12		UNDER 18	
Canterbury v Granville	7-1	Gladesville v Canterbury	3-0
Illawarra v Southern Dists	1-3	Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai	4-0
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland	0-1	Nepean v Manly	4-3
Bankstown v Manly	5-0	Southern Dists bye	
UNDER 13		UNDER 21	
Canterbury v Granville	2-2g	St George v Granville	3-2
Illawarra v South Dists	4-5pen	Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland	2-2g
Mitchell v Sutherland	1-3	Bankstown v Manly	4-3pen
Bankstown v Wagga	7-0	Southern Dists bye	2-0
UNDER 14			
Canterbury v Granville	1-0		
Macarthur v South & Eastern	2-1		
Bankstown v Manly	3-1		
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SUNDAY, 5th OCTOBER:

Brisbane Natra v Ansett Stars

Bombers
Enduro Spartans v Buffalo Mets
Canberra City v Melbourne
Strikers Eliminators



BRETT WOODS, with his NSW Rothmans Medal is congratulated by ASW staff members Keith Gilmour, John Economos and Frank Coletta.

ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

BULLI COMES THROUGH WITHOUT A DEFEAT

A first-half goal from rangy striker Kevin Lewis gave Bulli a 1-0 win over Fernhill in the Illawarra Premier League grand final and completed a dream season for coach Norm Flanagan.

The Irishman guided Bulli through the 22 games of the league programme, the major semi-final and the grand final undefeated.

Flanagan revealed after the win against Fernhill just how much pressure his players have been under in recent weeks.

"They had a number of excuses to fall by the wayside but overcame every obstacle in their way, proving there is tremendous talent and character in this squad," the coach said.

"We lost key midfielder Tony Charnock overseas for four important weeks, Ian Cirson

broke a leg and David Quetcher was out for four weeks leading up to the grand final."

Flanagan made a real gamble when he included Quetcher in his grand final team after such a long lay-off with a knee injury but the midfielder was one of the stars of the match.

With the knee heavily strapped, he caused big problems for Fernhill and laid on the winning goal for Lewis.

It came after 17 minutes when he whipped across an early ball from the left and the ever-alert Lewis got up well to head it home.

A panel of Illawarra coaches named Bulli

goalkeeper Gio Raso man of the match, but Fernhill centre-half Mark Toole must have been unlucky to miss out.

He was outstanding in a Fernhill side which had to absorb a lot of pressure because Bulli were more positive in midfield.

Toole conceded plenty of height to Lewis but did a great job containing him apart from the goal, while goalkeeper Justin Norris also gave a good account of himself.

For Bulli, Raso made two very good saves, one to prevent a classic own goal from his fullback Greg Fisher, with midfielders Quetcher, Tony Charnock and Michael Grew impressive.

Overall the game was an ordinary spectacle for the crowd of 2160, with Bulli looking stronger in almost every department.

Fernhill didn't have anyone like Quetcher to add width and control to their midfield and their front trio of Peter Thompson, Steve Quinn and Glenn Williams found Bulli's back four just too strong.

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Black mark to ISA officials for not having the first grade grand

final Cup at the ground when Bulli beat Fernhill.

Someone decided the Cup would be presented at Corrimal Leagues Club after the game because the club sponsors Illawarra Soccer.

All very well, but what about the big crowd at Memorial Park, particularly the noisy band of Bulli fans who expected to have their captain Tony Charnock hold up the trophy after the final whistle.

The ISA should take a long, hard look at the presentation of the grand final day next season.

The supporters who go along expect better than having cold drinks run out before half-time on what was a very hot day.

To have the two teams walk on to the ground before the game with no announcement over the public address system was crazy.

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The progressive South Coast Croatia club will share Ian McLennan Park at Kembla Grange with a rugby league team next season.

Croatia go into the Premier League using the same ground as Underrra Hotel in the

Illawarra amateur league competition.

The league people originally took the lease with Wollongong Council and Croatia will sub-lease it for their games.

The oval was unwanted for years but is in an ideal location and seems assured of plenty of spectators as Croatia should attract big crowds next year.

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Port Kembla are ready to spend up big on a coach for next season.

Robert Fryer, who is set to leave Aris after three years, is the tip to take over from Joe Moreno at Wetherill Park.

Port Kembla moved onto their new complex last year but haven't had much success — having battled against relegation most of this year.

It is no secret they want someone ready to inject new blood into their club and it is also no secret Fryer has the knack of taking good-class players with him when he "moves clubs."

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Quote of the season from Bulli coach Norm Flanagan — "I knew we would win the league after our first

game," he said tongue in cheek.

"Last season we started off with a horror 6-1 defeat at Port Kembla but this year played a 1-1 draw against Figtree.

"We were a point better off to start with."

Bulli weren't so fortunate in the minor grades, losing 1-0 to Belambi in reserves and going down in a shoot-out to West-Figtree in under 19's.

In the reserves, Bulli seemed badly done by when referee David Lear refused their appeals for a penalty when one of their players was pulled down in the box.

Their under 19 team dominated their game but couldn't crack the tight Figtree defence.

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Fernhill sweeper Alan Thompson made it clear he will be back on deck net season even though he will be 34.

"If we had won this year I think I would have called it a day but I will have another go with Fernhill next season," the popular schoolteacher said.

Thompson goes back a long way with Soccer in Wollongong, having played under Les Scheinflug at South

Coast United when he was just 17.

Always a very energetic player, he was played most positions during his career and said he thought it was significant Fernhill and Bulli qualified for the grand final this season.

"Neither club pays their players and it says a lot for their club spirit that they should do so well against clubs paying good winning bonuses," Thompson said.

"Bulli have had a remarkable year to go through the 22 league matches without defeat and you have to hand it to them."

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The young coaching combination of Larry Beringer and Rob Noakes paved the way for West-Figtree's grand final success in under 19's.

They showed a lot of initiative when they heard the ISA would stage a shoot-out from half-way if their grand final against Bulli was level after 90 minutes.

In their final training session before the big game, the two coaches ordered their players to practice the routine and it certainly paid off.

Figtree looked more at home in the shoot-out and took the trophy.

South Tasmania

WITH "VAN DIEMEN"

ULVERSTONE HOME DESPITE 0-1 LOSS

ULVERSTONE won the State Soccer premiership 2-1 on aggregate despite losing 0-1 to White Eagles in the second-leg match played at KGV.

Neil Morrison scored the only goal of the game but it wasn't enough to nullify Joe McGrory's two goals in the first-leg match played in Ulverstone earlier this month.

Ulverstone's win ended the Southern stranglehold on the State title and proved yet again that money is

not always the recipe for success in Soccer.

"There's a lot of people in the North and North-West who said

that Ulverstone would never win a premiership and we've proved them all wrong," said Ulverstone's player-coach, Joe McGrory.

"I'm not against professional players, but George Town spent something like \$30,000 to win a premiership, and we've proved you can do it without paying players."

The first half proved very even with both teams having two good scoring chances and Eagles converting one of these in the 28th minute.

Andrew Leszczynski's free-kick was only partially cleared by the Ulverstone defence and Neil Morrison drove the ball in off the far post from the edge of a penalty area.

Only a desperate clearance by Michael Foote from underneath

the crossbar in the 22nd minute had prevented Eagles from taking an earlier lead, but Ulverstone might also have grabbed a couple of goals.

Howe inexplicably fired over the bar from five metres when McGrory set him up, while McGrory himself had a shot blocked by Banasik, the ball then taking a favourable bounce straight into the hands of Eagles goalkeeper, Peter Groenewoud.

The second half started with Ulverstone's Rush almost putting the ball past his own goalkeeper but the visitors then settled down and Gorrie, Foote, Anderson and Rush in defence kept Eagles scoreless.

Eagles had most of the chances in the second period with David Stoddart going close on at least four occasions and Richard Leszczynski firing one pile-driver straight at goalkeeper Andrews.

Ulverstone's solitary second-half chance came in the 74th minute when McGrory outpaced a defender but lifted the ball over the bar.

It was never a great match but Ulverstone proved to be a worthy titleholder. Its players showed tenacity and ability and player-coach McGrory was superb in the air and organised his players well.

Eagles showed some good build-ups but often became entangled in the process of trying to find a way through the packed Ulverstone defence, and its finishing left a lot to be desired.

"I was disgusted with the way we played because we just defended in numbers," McGrory said. "We're usually an

ILLAWARRA GRAND FINAL

Fernhill front-runner Steve Quinn goes high while Bulli's no.3 Steve Sargeson is grounded in the Illawarra grand final.



attacking side but we didn't show what we can do today."

"I was confident we could beat Eagles by 2 or 3 nil and we did battle all day but I couldn't do a thing right with our boys. It's been the same all year when it comes to big games. It's just nerves."

"Ulverstone came to do a job and they did it," said Eagles coach, Steve Darby, after his last match in charge of the team. "They were

well organised at the back.

"They were physical and hard but not dirty and we had no complaints about that."

"We missed the chances we made and, on the day, they did a good professional job on us."

Details: State Premiership, 2nd leg — White Eagles 1 (Morrison) d Ulverstone 0 (Ulverstone win 2-1 on aggregate); Under 14

Cup Final — White Eagles 5 d Howrah 0; Under 15 Cup Final — White Eagles 1 d Juventus-Pioneer 0; Friendly Match — Howrah 6 dw Cranbourne (Victoria) 6.

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Rival coach David Crosson of Croatia-Glenorchy (left) and Steve Darby of White Eagles (right).

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

Decisions ... decisions ...

GOLD COAST CHEWS OVER ITS CHANCE FOR XXXX LEAGUE

THE Queensland Soccer Federation should learn this week whether the Gold Coast will accept an invitation to join its XXXX League.

The QSF approached Gold Coast officials more than a month ago to avert the possibility of a bye in its premier competition caused by the return of the National League clubs.

The QSF has always left open a place in its top competition for Brisbane City and Lions by restricting its XXXX League to 10 teams. But Lions second team won promotion from the intermediate league to the XXXX League two years ago.

As the club cannot have two teams in the top competition it means just Brisbane City will be automatically added to the league, making 11 teams. It has long been QSF policy not to have a bye in their premier competition, which prompted the need to find another strong club.

While a number of intermediate league clubs would jump at the chance of a berth in the top league, and no doubt relegated Wynnum would cherish a second chance, the QSF looked to the Gold Coast because of its regional appeal.

And while some administrators on the tourist strip are more than keen to join the XXXX League, it is understood some of the Coast's clubs are less enthusiastic.

The Gold Coast has a strong first division competition in its own right with Broadbeach, Palm Beach, Merrimac and St Anthony's constant and keen rivals.

Nearby Nerang, which for many years has independently fielded teams in the QSF's lower division, also is against a Coast team in the XXXX League. Nerang has worked its way through the divisions and is now only one step from being in the XXXX League itself.

"A verbal invitation has been issued to the Gold Coast but we have insisted that before we proceed any further we want a written assurance

from them that all the clubs are behind the move," QSF president Ald Ian Brusasco said.

The QSF no doubt still has bitter memories of the Gold Coast United fiasco during the State League days. Then forces on the Coast began working against the region's representative team and in the end some players were doubling up for matches, missing training, and treating the State

League like a second rate competition.

"We certainly don't want a repeat of that and that is why we want to know that the clubs and not just a few officials are behind any move to come to Brisbane," Brusasco said.

But much as happened on the Gold Coast since the State League days and the region's Soccer is now very well managed under the all encompassing banner of the Gold Coast and Albert Soccer Federation.

The Federation was to meet last week to make a formal decision on the proposed move to Brisbane. But there were strong moves to indicate that the idea could be rejected.

Gold Coast officials declined to comment for fear of pre-empting the meeting.

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BRUCE PENMAN ... Coalstars' dynamo.

FAGAN AND CALDWELL GOING A'FEUDIN' AND A'FIGHTIN'

A BITTER feud between North Star player-coach Iain Fagan and Coalstars fullback Kevin Caldwell has grabbed much of the attention in the lead-up to the Queensland Soccer Federation's \$10,000 XXXX League final at Perry Park this weekend.

The bickering between the two had its origin in the final round of fixtures and became public in the dying moments of the major semi-final which Coalstars won 2-0.

When Coalstars ensured a place in this weekend's final by putting away a second goal against North Star in the semi-final, Caldwell who already had been booked for a foul, "celebrated" the goal by leaping onto Fagan and giving him a huge bear-hug.

It was an action which surely bordered on ungentlemanly conduct.

Fagan, already disappointed in himself for giving away Coalstars' first goal with a poor backpass, showed amazing restraint not to retaliate. But when the whistle went minutes afterwards, Fagan made a beeline for referee Garth Goodwin.

And on their way to the dressing room, heated words were exchanged.

According to one report, Goodwin apologised to Fagan for not sending Caldwell off — an action which if true is certain to earn the official the severest of reprimands from his superiors.

Fagan was quoted as replying to Goodwin: "Sorry is not good enough. Rules are rules. What would have happened if I had punched him in retaliation?"

"He spent the whole game kicking players instead of the ball. He should have been off the park."

But Caldwell laughed



BRIAN STYLES

the incident off and said it was only a carry over from the previous week when North Star downed Coalstars 3-1 in the final fixture to snatch the premiership flag off the Ipswich team.

According to Caldwell and his Coalstars team-mates, Fagan had been overly cocky during his side's moment of glory.

"It's alright for him to give it, but if he can't take, he shouldn't give it," Caldwell said.

"You've got to enjoy

it while you're on top because you're not there for long.

"I am sure in 12 months Iain and I will have a laugh about the whole thing. If he can't then it's time for him to hang up his boots."

Caldwell also dismissed Fagan's claims that he was a dirty player and said: "I always go in with my eyes on the ball. It's a man's game and I play hard, but I never whinge when I get hit back."

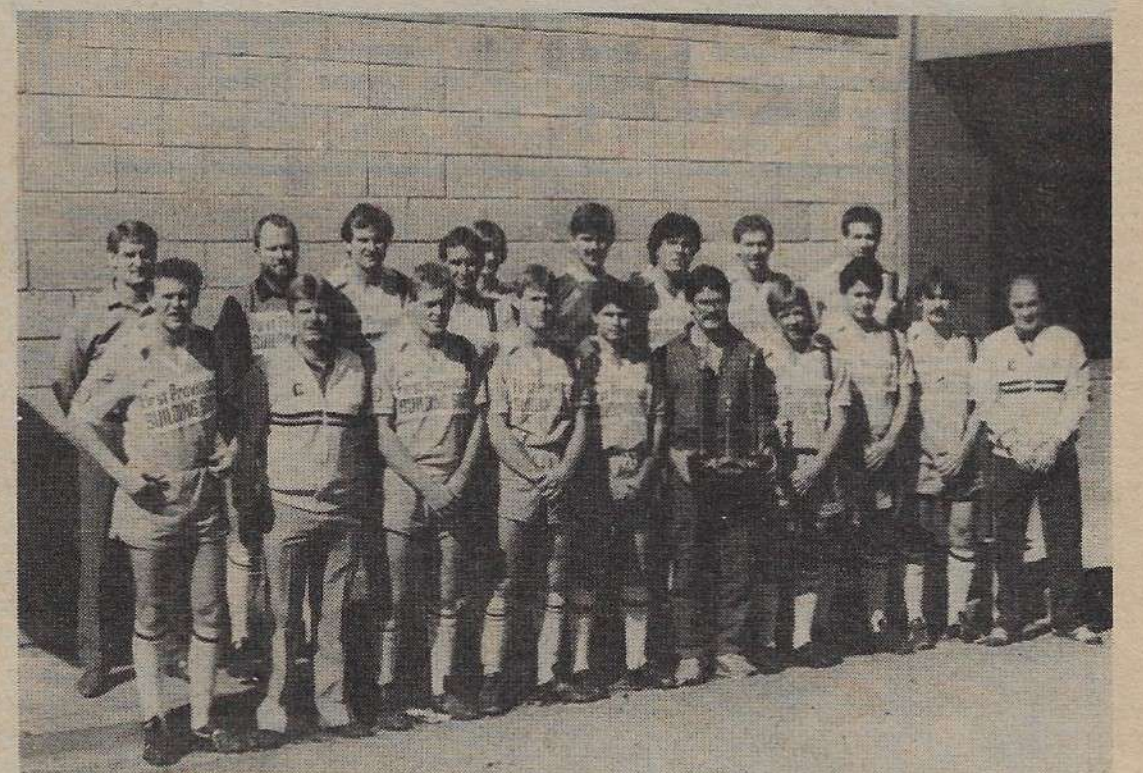
And in a rare outburst, the normally sedate and reserve Brian Styles, the Coalstars coach, came to Caldwell's defence.

"They are the ravings of a poor loser," Styles said of Fagan's allegations.

"Kevin is a winner. He is competitive but certainly not dirty. Accusations like this are a slur on the guy's career and character."

While the publicity is not the type the QSF was ideally hoping for during its finals series, the "feud" certainly captured the headline, and with the Soccer being served up not rising to any great heights, the QSF is probably lucky the incident happened.

And it would not surprise if more than one official had his fingers crossed for a North Star win over Mount Gravatt in the preliminary final last weekend to set up a re-match between two antagonists against this weekend.



The Coalstars squad line-up.

LIONS READY TO ROAR IF SYDNEY DIPS OUT

BRISBANE LIONS, the team which missed by just one place a spot in next year's revamped National League, is preparing for unexpected late inclusion.

The Richlands club, fired by rumours that some Sydney clubs are facing financial problems and may withdraw from the league, is gearing itself to play NSL in 1987.

"We are retaining all players and will even be looking at the transfer market," club secretary Mr Lawrence Oudendyk said.

"As 15th club on the NSL criteria we are the next cab off the rank if any of the top 14 withdraw. Even the NSL has said that.

"We can't afford to be caught cold if the opportunity to stay in the League arises. And that means this week, next week or the week before the start of next season. We will be ready to go the instant we get the nod."

Even before crowd fi-

gures were added to the criteria selection ratings, Lions finished in 15th spot with 40.59 percent, four percent or one league place behind 14th team Melbourne Croatia.

Even allowing for the percentages, and Lions have kept their own records, on the club figures they still are securely in 15th place with about 43.51 percent ahead of Newcastle (42.30), Wollongong (38.49) and Adelaide Hellas (38.31).

"Whichever way you look at it we were the next best performed team and if any of the 14 don't want to play in the NSL next year then we should be the next in," Mr Oudendyk said.

Indeed the club's players are refusing to accept the NSL axing and some are training one night through the

off-season.

Coach Col Bennett says it's more a social exercise than anything else but will ensure his team is ready to go for an earlier start if the club gets an off-season reprieve.

"Everyone was so committed to our cause that even after the last game when we realised we had just failed to win our way into the 14, no-one really believed we were out. And I still don't think they do," Bennett said.

"Everyone is quite happy to stay at the club and have given the directors the backing to do what ever is necessary to ensure we run out on the park as an NSL side next year.

"With commitment like that I think we have a lot more to offer than some of the sides which are in at the moment."

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R. Lopez and R. Castro, joint captains of the touring under 16 teams from the United States. They found local players "tough and friendly."

U.S. JUNIORS WIN IN NSW COUNTRY

THE touring United States junior team was good enough to defeat Wagga's leading youth team Lake Albert 4-0 in their match at Rawlings Park.

FROM FRANK FINLAY

Drawn from three different areas around Beverley Hills, they operated under the banner of the "United States Eagles" and played both Lake Albert and Wagga Association

teams.

The 16 players plus officials were invited to Australia after meeting an Australian team at a tournament in Santa Monica, California.

The boys outclassed their opposition at Rawlings Park with their speed and teamwork — however their ball control was not up to scratch.

The visitors used a "has been" style of play that went out of existence in the fifties and sixties, running down the line, dribbling the

ball and then crossing it into the penalty area.

Coach of the team, Steve Colbert, told me that the tour had cemented additional friendship between United States and Australia at the level of the younger generation.

They praised local hospitality and said that they found the Australian scenery "unreal and magnificent".

Co-coach Mike Genewick believes that the benefits of the huge boom in United States junior Soccer will not be felt for another generation.

"We've got the strongest junior set-up in the world at the moment," Genewick claimed.

"You won't see much happen until the current

crop of juniors have their children and get them playing Soccer."

Genewick himself is typical of the new generation of American Soccer enthusiasts.

He became actively interested in the sport after his eldest son Stephen began playing as an eight year old.

Genewick is American born and said that this is the case with about 90% of U.S. coaches.

He said that the North American Soccer League failed for three seasons.

"They played during the baseball season, they had too many 'has-been' European players to whom no-one could relate, and hired big gridiron stadiums which were too costly," he stated.



Mike Genewick and Steve Colbert (left) who organised the tour of Australia firmly believe that America has the strongest junior players in the world. They also predicted that USA will be strongly represented in the World Cup within 10 to 16 years time.



Mrs Mary Kidson, deputy mayor of Wagga Wagga City Council, exchanges plaques with touring U.S. under 16 coach Steve Colbert.



The United States Eagles junior Soccer team shortly after arrival at Wagga. They played Lakes Albert Soccer team and a combined Wagga team.

They are: Back Row: Mike Genewick (coach), C. Monaco, G. Genewick, R. Danser, D. Stobler, S. Reiss, L. Crane, K. White, I. McGilvray, J. Blyth, Steve Colbert (master coach), Front: M. Genewick, B. Colbert, S. Schwarz, A. Staton, A. Genewick, L. Morton, R. Castro, A. Colbert, B. Monaco.

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Rob Danser, highest scorer of the touring Beverly Hills U16 team from USA.

Amateurs, Juniors and Schools

ALL SCHOOLS CUP NOW A PROVEN CONCEPT

ENTRY of 307 schools into the Oak Bill Turner Cup this year emphasises the value of extending Soccer over all sectors of the NSW education system.

By bringing in public high schools as well as the Catholic and other Independent systems, the scope of Soccer has increased.

This year the 307 under 15 years school teams in the Cup represented an increase of 17 over last year.

Back in 1979 the

series began with 34 schools from the Newcastle-Hunter area only.

Even at the current number the potential is far from being tapped.

There are many private schools as well as others in the public area who could join in. The country areas abound

with them also.

As it is, close to every section of the state is covered with the exception of the Far West.

The idea has not gone unnoticed in adjacent states.

Enquiries have come from South Queensland.

Only a fortnight ago talks were held with Victorian teachers who were interested in the possibilities of the Cup.



"Well done" says Bill Turner as he congratulates Jamie Haswell, the captain of the Cardiff High School under 15 Soccer team that had just defeated the brilliant J.J. Cahill High School side 1-0 at Macquarie Field, Speers Point in the final of the "Bill Turner Cup". The competition, which attracted a record 307 schools, is sponsored by the OAK Dairy Company and the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

Craig Tait and Dean Adamson are in the background.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS U13s

SOUTHERN Districts Soccer Football Association's Youth League teams have just completed their most successful results since the inception of the competition.

The Association will gain promotion to the prestigious Group 1 by finishing Group 2 Champions, with a combined total of 104 to the second placed Sydney City's 96 points.

The Association is one of only two clubs out of the competing 35 in the competition to have all teams compete in the final series, the other being Croatia.

The U/13's were successful in winning their competition from Granville, scoring 53 goals for and 17 against and playing entertaining Soccer, much to the delight of their enthusiastic supporters.

The U/14's started the season slowly and if Lady Luck had been on their side could have finished higher than the third place they filled. They were defeated by a very lucky Sydney Olympic 2-1 to be eliminated from the final series.

The U/15's showed what a good side they are by going through the second round undefeated. They were narrowly beaten by Blacktown City 1-0, a great effort in this hotly contested division.

The U/16's this year with the exception of three players were a new squad. The results they gained showed just what an untapped reservoir of talent exists within the association.

This team finished third in the competition and after a draw with St George in the semi-finals were eliminated in the replay by a goal scored with only a minute to go.

The U/13's capped a great season by winning their grand final, played against Granville at Marconi Stadium 1-0. To win their place in the grand final they defeated Marconi 3-0, Blacktown City 3-2 and Croatia 2-1. They now go on to represent Sydney in the State Championships to be held at Lithgow over the October long week end.

This makes the team Metropolitan Champions for successive years, a feat rarely experienced at this high level of junior Soccer.

Two players from the U/13's gained selection to compete for NSW in the National Titles in Western Australia. Well done Chi Chi Mendez and Andrew Nazur.

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OAK TURNER SCHOOLS CUP SIDELIGHTS

NBN 3 Television gave excellent coverage of both the semi-finals and finals nights' play, capping off the series by being on hand to capture every heart-stopping second of Jason Rozario's winning goal for Cardiff High.

After watching the replay several times it was clearly evident that the goal was brilliantly taken. Alan Gilday's lead up work could certainly not be underrated.

The Oak Company representatives were also delighted as their large red and white banner stood out.

NBN reporter Matthew Clarke, who regularly plays indoor Soccer, had to literally drag himself away when called to another story.

He was back again on the Wednesday night and was thrilled to be there when the winning goal was scored.

PROMOTION FOR SYDNEY CITY

THE 1986 season was a great year for Sydney City club. It finished runners-up in the B group and gained promotion to the A group for the 1987 season.

The U/13 and U/16 teams were unlucky not to make the play-offs, having many close matches throughout the season.

The U/15 team was runner up by one point in their division, whilst the U/14 team won their group by four points. Their goalkeeper, Scott Smith, conceded only five goals throughout the season.

In their grand final the team went down to Marconi 1-0, with the winning goal being scored only two minutes from full time.

Coach John Doyle still has the boys in training for the State titles to be held at Parklea on October 4/6.

A new and very enthusiastic Youth Director has been appointed for 1987 in Terry Stern, ably backed by the very experienced Brian Parish.

Terry, a solicitor, has been associated with Sydney City for many years, during which time he has coached junior teams as well as being on numerous committees.

Already he has implemented new ideas to improve the standard of Soccer at Youth League level, one innovation being the increase in coaching staff to include a goalkeepers' coach.

In 1987 the four Youth teams will work closer with the U/19 and Senior teams, arranging rosters for ballboys and holding regular meetings between coaches and managers.

Trials for U/13, U/14, U/15 and U/16's have been set down for Mondays 20th and 27th October and 3rd November, at 6pm at Coral Sea Park, Maroubra.



Lake Albert Soccer Club official Ray Verdon (left) extends a welcome to United States Eagles master coach Steve Colbert shortly after the team's arrival in Wagga with 16 players aged between 14 to 16.

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Sydney City Soccer Club

1987 YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

BASS PUTS THE USA STRAIGHT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SHONA BASS, captain of the Victorian Women's Soccer side, reports that her club, Greensborough had a good win recently over a touring team from the USA

Greensborough beat the American team, which comprised players from the West Coast of America, 1-0 in a special tournament which included two other Victorian clubs.

However, it wasn't all plain sailing as, prior to

the tournament, the Americans caught Greensborough by surprise, beating them 2-1.

Shona said the US girls were extremely skillful.

Greensborough, who eventually won the tournament, have long

been a force in the Victorian League.

Shona proudly boasts that the club has won the League for the last "10 or 11 years" running, although things are getting a little tougher nowadays.

Greensborough have encountered strong competition, especially from Dandenong North.

Shona, who is studying for her masters degree in exercise physiology at the Philip Institute of Technology, said 'Dandy Nth' beat Greensborough in the second last competition match recently.

Then, the two teams played a thrilling 3-3 draw in a shield competition after Boro had equalised in the last seconds.

THE inaugural Granny Smith Festival Girls Soccer Tournament was won by the team from James Ruse Agricultural High School with a convincing 3-0 victory over Turramurra High School in the final.

Organizer Colin Osborne noted humbly: "It seems suitable that the agricultural girls should win this first tournament named in honour of such a famous local woman pioneer agriculturalist."

The Granny Smith Festival is a multi-purpose community event staged each Spring by

the Ryde Municipal Council.

James Ruse reached the final by beating Marist Sisters Woolwich No.2 in the preliminary round and Malvina in the semifinal 3-0. Young forward Rachel Bobby showed plenty of class in the final by scoring twice and setting up the third goal.

Turramurra easily defeated Chatswood in the preliminary round and survived a torrid semifinal 1-0 against Marist Sisters Woolwich No.1 mainly through the superb goalkeeping of Bettina Raiss.

Both the semifinals and the final were played under the lights at Holy Cross College, Ryde.

The Gladesville-Hornsby Women's

Football Association, which organized the tournament, was pleased with the response at short notice from the eight participating local schools.

This will now become an annual tournament, and it is likely that 16 teams will be invited to participate in the 1987 tournament.

The preliminary round will begin early enough so that the final games can be staged in the next Granny Smith Festival Week in September.

In a steady push to promote junior development, each year this go-ahead Association organises two tournaments for girls in primary schools, and has now added a third for high

school teams.

Results Preliminary Round:

Malvina 2 (Young 2) — Ryde 2 (Warswick, O'Farrell).

Replay: Malvina 3 (Muntz 2, Duncan) — Ryde 2 (O'Farrell 2) extra time Marist Sisters Woolwich No.1 6 (Geist 4, Osborne, Reid). — Riverside 0 James Ruse 1 (Bobby pen.) — Marist Sisters Woolwich No.2 0 Turramurra 8 (Murphy 5, Stedman 2, Whitelock) — Chatswood 0.

Semifinals:

James Ruse 3 (Law 2, Kennedy) — Malvina 0. Turramurra 1 (Murphy) — Marist Sisters Woolwich No.1 0.

Final:

James Ruse 3 (Boddy 1, pen., Spencer) — Turramurra 0.



Action from the Greensborough versus USA match.

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SYDNEY AMATEUR LEAGUE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

A CONTINUOUS run of more than 40 years has not dented the plans and prospects of the Sydney Amateur League.

Although not always known under that name, the League has been a quiet part of the Sydney Soccer scene with its involvement in the Metropolitan League and the Central League before finally adopting its current title.

In early years, the League was part of the NSW Football Association until the breakaway which formed the Australian Soccer Federation and the State Federations.

In an effort to present a picture of unity, the League affiliated with the then newly-formed NSW Amateur Soccer Federation which ended after one year, when it realised the State body was mostly junior oriented while the League consisted of All Age only.

In 1977, the SASL agreed to co-operate with amateur bodies from WA, SA and the Bendigo League of Victoria to form an Annual Amateur championship.

These tournaments were held from 1978 until 1982, when a representative squad was chosen to play two matches in Singapore.

Attempts to re-affiliate with the NSW Amateur Federation in 1981 broke down and the League continued as an autonomous body, confining its representative activities to a Fiji tour in 1985 and New Zealand in early 1986.

Players' welfare has always been a consideration and the Benefit Fund to cover loss of income through injury had always proved a financial difficulty, with insurance company premiums often beyond member clubs' ability to pay.

In February 1984, a comprehensive scheme to cover all players and officials at \$9 per person was introduced by the NSW Amateur Federation and the League made two unsuccessful attempts to join on an associate basis.

After failing to receive replies to two letters, the League joined the State Government Sporting Injuries Compensation Scheme and negotiated with companies for loss of income.

After an affiliation approach from the NSW Amateur Federation in late 1985, the League requested information on requirements for affiliation and received a reply one month later indicating compulsory payment of \$21 insurance per player and a capitation fee.

This amounted to an additional \$700 for some clubs and the League decided the financial requirement was too high and regretted that some form of associate affiliation was not available.

League secretary Harry Gill said they had always tried to avoid confrontation with both the NSW Soccer Federation and/or the State Amateur body.

"We promptly answer all correspondence from other bodies and respect

their existence and try to continue to promote amateur Soccer as we have done over the past 40 years," he said.

"An article in ASW said we were not prepared to contribute to State running costs. This was wrong. The State never offered us anything substantial in return for any contribution we would be required to make.

"We are interested in a scheme of insurance, but it has to be within the ability of the players to pay.

"The Amateur League prides itself in having always met its financial obligations and has never involved itself in any activity which has placed an undue burden upon its member clubs.

"This League found the initial requirement by the State Amateur body unacceptable because it demands a financial commitment for affiliation but offers very little in return."

The Sydney Amateur League this year has successfully completed another All Age competition, as it has done in previous years, and its management committee is already preparing plans to cope with any new teams seeking to join the League next season.

LETTERS

SYDNEY CROATIA DEFENDED

I AM writing this letter in reply to what was published on the 'Chit Chat' page in your paper "The Australian Soccer Weekly", on August 26 1986.

This is the article that refers to supporters of Sydney Croatia as animals. This article highlights the fact that some fools are seen spitting on referees at the ground, and this in turn causes them to be called animals, which in turn infers that this is a regular and not unusual scene at the Croatian Sports Centre.

Therefore it implies

that the Croatia Soccer supporters aren't perturbed by this, implying that they themselves must be morally low, in other words the insinuation being made is that Croatia supporters, the majority of whom are Croatian, are animals.

Well to the person who wrote this article, and failed to put his name to it, I simply say, being a supporter of Sydney Croatia and of Australian Soccer as a whole, I am wholly disgusted to think that some supporters are debasing themselves of human civility to such an extent that they are reduced to expressing their opinions through vulgar means. I do NOT condone this and I am sure that many other Croatian supporters agree with me.

DO NOT call us animals and DO NOT in future express your prejudiced views in such a way as to make yourself sound righteous.

Stop stabbing the real heart of Soccer, its supporters, in the back.

Highlighting incidents such as what happened at Pratten Park in the Olympic and City game does nothing for the credibility of Soccer in

Australia. Get to the real heart of the trouble, the ASF and its support of sometimes clearly inexperienced or just foolish referees.

Also the little wisecrack made by the man who wrote this article about the cost of soft-drinks at a dollar a can.

Croatia has the best crowds practically anywhere in Australia, and you can honestly say that the price of a drink is going to affect this fact.

Anyway, all this money goes towards supporting Soccer.

What I would like to know is what is this man's problem with Sydney Croatia.

In conclusion I would just like to say, don't be afraid to criticize referees in the media, it could only do good for Soccer.

Referees, with constructive criticism made about them, can learn from their mistakes. Support the people that support Soccer, and let's get Soccer on the road to being the biggest and best sport in Australia - a title it rightly deserves.

Soccer Fanatic,
Smithfield.
(Name and address
supplied)

The critical remarks of our journalist on the

spitting incident was clearly limited to the very few persons who indulged in the practice. ASW is clearly aware of the constant friendliness and excellent behaviour displayed by Sydney Croatia club and its army of supporters, but matters of this nature are reported as they came to note in the normal course of events. — Ed)

DEFIANT NEWCASTLE

THE Newcastle Herald advertisement highlights the extent of the feeling in Newcastle regarding the "unnatural" method of relegation from this year's NSL that Newcastle United suffered.

In a lesser Soccer city the past 12 months would set the sport back 10 years.

I defiantly predict Soccer in Newcastle will thrive, with or without the NSL.

R.I.P.
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died of unnatural causes

13 September 1986
LEST WE FORGET
THE NEWCASTLE
ROWDIES

Stephen Bradbury
Wangi Wangi.

HUGE MONUMENT TO SOCCER

A LONG running fight has been going on in Newcastle over the nuts and bolts of a junior overseas Soccer tour.

To go into the details would be a bore, but it has all happened before.

Countless thousands of lamingtons are sold, trips are raffled and hundreds of cars are dutifully washed.

In one case involving a Macquarie women's team to America earlier this year there were questions raised over general conduct.

The gain from these tours can be sporting, educational and cultural. In fact trips to Europe by teams from

Northern NSW and Newcastle-Macquarie in particular have brought outstanding results and improved players in the past.

Much however can be done by better local coaching.

It is only about 130 kms from Sydney to Newcastle, yet a superficial boundary has broken up the two areas since the NSW Federation came into existence.

If the players of these two areas could regularly compete at top junior club level instead of

STUPIDITY

doing so on odd occasions, there would be competition which would help lift standards.

This is a practical measure. It rarely occurs at school level and even less so when Youth Leagues are concerned.

Funds are spent overseas trips in libel measure.

If only a proportion that money could be applied to better advantage and if artificial barriers could be moved.

But that is the history of Soccer...

'74 SOCCEROO RE-UNION

ON October 19, the day of the National Grand Final second leg, the biggest re-union match of the 1974 Socceroos ever staged will kick off at 1pm at Parramatta Stadium.

The match is being sponsored by ATTACK Sports, MITRE Sports, AMBASSADOR Trophies and ANSETT Airlines. During the run up to the match ASW is spotlighting the players from both sides.

This week we present Peter Ollerton, Doug Utjesenovic, Eddie Thomson and John Economos.

NOTE: Refer all inquiries to organisers FRANK COLETTA and/or RAY GATT on 660 2033.

THE full lists of both teams are as follows:

THE 1974 SOCCEROOS: PETER WILSON, JOHNNY WARREN, ATTI ABONYI, RAY RICHARDS, MANFRED SCHAEFER, JIMMY ROONEY, ERNIE CAMPBELL, ADRIAN ALSTON, RAY BAARTZ, COL CURRAN, DOUG UTJESENOVIC, HARRY WILLIAMS, JACK REILLY, ALLAN MAHER, JIMMY MACKAY, BRANKO BULJEVIC, PETER OLLERTON and MAX TOLSON.

THE AUST. SOCCER MEDIA: FRANK COLETTA (Australian Soccer Weekly), RAY GATT (Sydney Morning Herald), STEFAN KAMASZ (NSL Monthly), TERRY GREEDY (Australian Soccer Weekly), EDDIE THOMSON (Sunday Telegraph), LES MURRAY (SBS TV), PETER WILKINS (ABC TV), MIKE COCKERILL (Sydney Morning Herald), ANDREW PASCHALIDIS (Radio 2GB), NEIL JAMIESON (Newcastle Herald), TITO POZO (Spanish Herald), JOHN ECONOMOS (Australian Soccer Weekly), TED SIMMONS (Australian Associated Press), DAVID HILL (ABC and SBS TV).

PETER OLLERTON: At his best Peter Ollerton's aggressive, straightforward and hard-hitting approach made him a feared opponent on the field — especially in Asia where the physically smaller opponents were scared stiff of the "Big O" as he was known.

But Ollerton's aggression also got him into trouble. He had clashes with a few of his club coaches.

It was Rale Rasic who first gave Ollerton a chance in the national team, for a game against the visiting Auckland XI in 1974. Two matches later, he scored a memorable goal in Australia's 2-0 victory over Uruguay at the SCG, so he was included in the squad that went to West Germany for the World Cup finals. He appeared as a substitute against West Germany and Chile and from that point until the end of the 1977 World Cup qualifying series, he was a regular in the national team.

This burly, 6ft. 1in. striker was an apprentice with Preston North End in England and played for Blackpool reserves before coming to Melbourne in 1971 to join Ringwood Wilhelmina.

His scoring record with Wilhelmina was 14 goals in 1971, 16 in 1972 and four in 1973 before he was transferred to APIA.

He scored 15 goals for APIA in his first season to finish runner-up among the NSW First Division scorers.

He was top scorer in

the league with 18 goals in 1974 and 17 goals in 1975 before being sold to South Melbourne Hellas for \$9000. In his first year with Hellas — 1976, he notched 10 State League goals but in 1977, the first season of the Phillips League, he managed only six.

In the first 12 games of 1978, Ollerton scored seven goals for Hellas but then came his clash with coach Dave MacLaren. As a result, he was sold to Marconi for a reported \$15,000 but he managed only two goals there in 10 league games. He found it difficult to settle down in Sydney and so returned to Melbourne at the end of the year.

Ollerton's most memorable goal scoring feat was netting five in APIA's 9-1 victory over Auburn in the 1974 NSW Ampol Cup final. He represented NSW six times and Victoria eight times.

The most recent chapter of his career started just before the 1979 PSL kick-off, when Footscray J.U.S.T. bought him from Marconi for a reported \$9000.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC

The football played by Dougie has always been pure class. He would have had a distinguished career in the Yugoslav First Division had it not been for a freak injury in 1969.

Having played 30 senior games with OFK Belgrade, Utjesenovic slipped from the pitch onto the surrounding concrete cycling track. He was in plaster for a

month with a knee ligation injury and it was during this lay-off that he accepted an offer from Alex Jagodic to join Footscray J.U.S.T.

With Rale Rasic as coach, J.U.S.T. won the 1969 Victorian State League championship and Utjesenovic was elevated to the Victorian State team the same year.

He switched to St. George in 1971, the season that Rasic became the Saints' coach.

After becoming naturalised, Utjesenovic was chosen to represent Australia on the 1972 Asian tour. He played in the 1974 World Cup finals and would have played in the 1977 World Cup qualifiers had it not been for an injury suffered against Sunderland in England in 1976.

It was after this that Dougie with 61 appearances for the Socceroos announced in February, 1978: "Even if I were 20 and starting my career, I still would not play for Australia."

He was bitter at the time after being involved in a legal battle with the ASF over compensation for the injury received on the 1976 world tour.

The injury, to his knee, kept him out of the game for eight and a half months. It required an operation and caused him to take time off work without pay. He felt he was entitled to more help than the ASF gave him.

Undoubtedly he is one of the greatest right backs Australia has had.

NAME: JOHN ECONOMOS
MEDIA SOURCE: AUST SOCCER WEEKLY
BIRTHDATE and PLACE: 31-1-1943 in

Rockhampton, Qld.
NICKNAME: "Rock" or "Rambo".

WEIGHT and HEIGHT: 12 stone 12 and 5ft 11in

FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti, Steak Diane plus most Italian foods washed down with

Metaxa 7 Star.

FAV MUSIC: Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, John Parios, Dean Martin, the Mills Bros, Al Johnson and music on Radio 2CH

FAV HOLIDAY RESORT: Hawaii and Caloundra in Queensland.

FAV OTHER SPORTS: Cricket.

FAV ACTOR/ESS: Grace Kelly, Alan Ladd, Spencer Tracey, Charles Bronson, John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart, the Marx Bros and Johnny Warren!

FEARS: No.13.
LIKES: Ocean views, quiet dinners with an intimate friend, listening to quality music.

DISLIKES: Bad mannered, aggressive liberated females, egotistical people, political parasites that help destroy Soccer in Australia and all forms of selfishness and greed.

Also outright butchers on a Soccer field that cannot play, but can neutralise quality skilled players that have the ability to entertain the fans.

AGE STARTED SOCCER: We had to play Rugby League and Union. Soccer was zoned out in my school days!

FAVOURITE TEAM: France, Liverpool, Everton, West Ham, St. George and Newcastle.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYERS: Georgie Best, Pele, Cruyff, Kenny Dalglish, Patrick Battiston, Francis Lee, Kevin Keegan, Eusebio, Franz Beckenbauer, Bobby Charlton and of course the darling of them all — Geoff Hurst.

In Australia, Anthony Franken, Zarko Odzakovic, Gary Meier, Frank Farina, Mike Coady,

David Ratcliffe, Johnny O'Shea, Terry Greedy, John Kosmina, Terry Butler, Peter Tredinnick, Jean-Paul de Marigny and Robbie Wheatley.

GENERAL THOUGHTS ON THE MATCH: The match will prove to have an enormous value of nostalgia. It will give the Australian public the rare opportunity to see their 12-year-old World Cup team that took Australia to Munich in 1974.

The Atti Abonyis, Johnny Warrens, Ray Baartz, Adrian Alstons and Peter Wilsons, on show once again, will be a very sentimental occasion to see.. Dignified stars that will be well-remembered for their outstanding services to Australian Soccer.

This match could very easily prove to be the very last opportunity the Australian public will have to see them on display.

NAME: EDDIE THOMSON
MEDIA SOURCE: Sunday Telegraph
BIRTHDATE and PLACE: 25-2-1947 in Roswell, Scotland
NICKNAME: Thommo, ET, Blakey
WEIGHT and HEIGHT: 84kg and 5ft 11in

FAVOURITE FOOD: Mince and patties
FAV MUSIC: Willie Nelson, Paul McCartney
FAV ACTOR/ESS: Terry Greedy and David Ratcliffe.

FAV HOLIDAY RESORT: Tel Aviv

FAV OTHER SPORTS: Golf and Rugby League
FEARS: Meeting Terry Greedy at a bar!

LIKES: All sports

DISLIKES: Dishonest players and bad service

AGE FIRST STARTED SOCCER: Nine

FAVOURITE TEAM: Aberdeen and Hearts

FAV ALL-TIME PLAYER/S: Ken Boden, Jimmy Rooney and Bobby Moore.

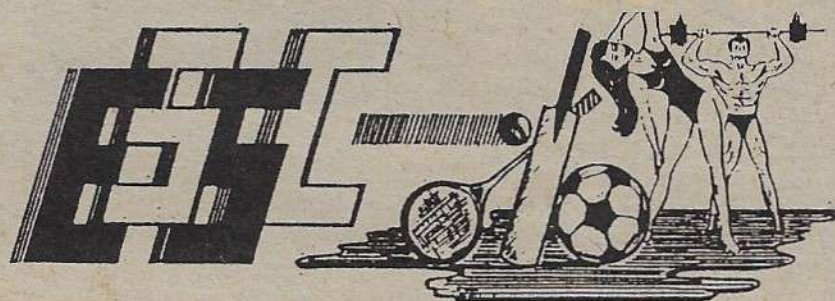
GENERAL THOUGHTS ON "THE" MATCH: Really looking forward to it. I just hope we're not too strong for them!

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POINTS TABLE TO 21.9.86

	P	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
Lotto All Stars (Syd)	8	6	2	40	32	11	20
Sydney Tornados	7	6	1	37	19	28	19
B'bane Natra Bombers	9	4	5	33	33	0	17
Enduro Spartans (Syd)	8	4	4	52	50	2	16
C'berra City Strikers	7	4	3	32	34	-3	15
Melb Eliminators	7	3	4	43	50	-8	13
Ansett Valley Stars (Vic)	5	3	2	32	20	23	11
C'berra Ampol Rockets	6	2	4	37	39	-3	10
Buffalo Mets (Melb)	6	2	4	30	34	-6	10
Mackay Monarchs	4	0	4	5	19	-58	4



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Norman Whiteside goes in on Arsenal's 'keeper John Lukic. Stewart Robson and Kevin Moran look on.



Sheffield Wednesday's Lee Chapman and team-mate Carl Shutt challenge Charlton's 'keeper Nicky Johns.



It's a neck-and-neck battle between Bayern Munich's Roland Wohlfahrth and VfL Stuttgart's Predrac Pasic.



Action from an Under 16 international in Spain between Italy and Spain who won the match 2-1.



TALK IS MONEY

THE policy of professional footballers talking 'out of class' has got a couple into trouble already, and the European season is hardly a month old.

As Roma's international winger — BRUNO CONTI had a \$7000 fine slapped on him after claiming his side's poor

early showing in the Italian A Division was the direct fault of their Swedish manager.

And then England midfielder Steve Hodge was axed from the strifetorn Aston Villa side following the 6-0 hammering from Nottingham Forest, after annoying his manager Graham Turner mid-week by hinting he was considering asking for a transfer.

DISGRUNTLED New Zealand international WYN-TON RUFER, has been suspended indefinitely by his Swiss First Division club, FC Zurich and is now looking at making a move to West Germany and top club Borussia Moenchengladbach.

The talented striker was told by secretary Erich Schmind that the decision was forced on the club in the interests of team discipline and morale.

THE \$250,000 transfer of Scotland's under-21 international BRYAN GUNN from Scottish premier division side Aberdeen to English club Norwich City has been held up for a couple of weeks because of Aberdeen's injury crisis.

FIRST DIVISION leader Nottingham Forest's star midfielder Gary Mills, currently out of the first team, has requested a transfer.

SWEET SWEDEN FOR SAMMY

A couple of former Manchester United champions are well and truly making their mark overseas.

Northern Ireland skipper and former Manchester United, Stoke City and Manchester City midfielder, Sammy McIlroy is going great guns for his new Swedish first division club, Örgryte.

McIlroy was given a free transfer by City after the World Cup finals in Mexico and the

32-year-old was snapped up by Örgryte.

McIlroy believes he is playing some of the best football of his career and is enjoying it immensely, claiming the slower pace and build up of the Scandinavian game suits him right down to the ground.

The holder of 85 caps, he believes he still has a

big role to play in Northern Ireland's future and is aiming to top the elusive 100 cap total.

Meanwhile his former team-mate at Old Trafford — MICKEY THOMAS — has quit West Brom and joined North American Indoor League side Wichita Wings and is loving the game.



BRUNO CONTI

STEVE HODGE

LIVERPOOL and Welsh striker IAN RUSH has had a mixed season so far.

Last week he appeared before a disciplinary committee after 'comments' he had made to the referee following the match on August 25 against Manchester City.

His punishment has yet to be decided.

However despite landing himself in hot water, the Juventus-bound marksman has shown again and again why the champion Italian club were willing to pay more than \$7m for him.

Just a couple of weeks ago he took his season's tally to seven after burying fellow Merseysiders Everton with two goals, and so helping his side on the way to a 3-1 win in the first leg of the English Super Cup.

DESPERATION

IT'S a real make or break situation for Arsenal centre-half TOMMY CATON at the moment. Disappointed at being constantly left out of the top side, the former Manchester City star has issued an ultimatum to his boss GEORGE GRAHAM: "Play me or I'll quit!"

The misery of being dropped for most of last season and missing out on the start this time hasn't shaken the confidence of the tall defender but he says: "I'm desperate to establish myself in the first team."

"If I don't I'll probably be looking elsewhere. I feel I am good enough for First Division football and shouldn't be kept in the reserves."

"After receiving a neck injury last season, I couldn't get back into the first team. Martin Keown came in for me and played so well that he deserved his place on merit. But he's now gone to Aston Villa and I'm determined to make a comeback."

MARSEILLES has identified more than 3000 forged tickets for one of its French first division matches after officials noticed that there were regularly more people in the ground than there should have been.

REPUBLIC of Ireland international EAMON O'KEEFE has been forced to quit football entirely because of a serious knee injury.

BRAZIL has agreed to play England and Scotland at Wembley and Hampden Park respectively at the end of the season in the reconstructed Sir Stanley Rous Cup.

JOHN FASHANAU, one of the reasons that Wimbledon are doing so well early on in the First Division, may soon be on his way to London rivals Arsenal.

But Caton, who was bought for \$1m from City in November, 1983, has to yet convince new Gunners boss George Graham that he's a better bet than young Tony Adams. It's a task that hasn't been easy because Tommy has been trouble with illness once more.

At Manchester City, where he emerged as a teenage superstar, things went well and Caton earned 14 England under-21 caps, but Highbury hasn't been such a happy home for the 23-year-old Liverpoolian, who spent his early years in Australia.

IFK Gothenburg marksman JOHNNY EKSTROM, has just rejected an offer to join new Italian first division club, Empoli.

ENGLISH first division newcomers CHARLTON ATHLETIC has beaten rivals Watford to sign Scotland under 21 international Colin Walsh from Nottingham Forest in a \$300,000 transfer deal.

IAN RUSH



The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH DIV 1 Coventry 1 Watford 0, Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 3, Luton 1, Manchester City 0, Manchester United 1, Chelsea 1, Norwich 2, Newcastle 1, Arsenal 0, Oxford 3, Charlton 2, QPR 0, Leicester 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2, West Ham 2, Tottenham 2, Everton 0, Wimbledon 2, Southampton 2.

Leading scorers: Webb (Nottingham Forest) 10, Allen (Tottenham) 10, Rush (Liverpool) 9, McMahon (Liverpool) 8, Birtles (Nottingham Forest) 7, Clarke (Southampton) 7, Aldridge (Oxford) 7.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nott Fst	8	5	2	1	23
Watford	8	5	2	1	23
Everton	8	4	3	1	13
Coventry	8	4	3	1	13
Liverpool	8	4	3	1	13
Tottenham	8	4	2	2	10
West Ham	8	4	2	2	10
Sheff Wed	8	4	2	2	10
Wimbledon	8	4	2	2	10
Luton	8	4	2	2	10
QPR	8	4	2	2	10
Watford	8	4	2	2	10
Southampton	8	4	2	2	10
Oxford	8	4	2	2	10
Arsenal	8	4	2	2	10
Leicester	8	4	2	2	10
Man City	8	4	2	2	10
Chelsea	8	4	2	2	10
Charlton	8	4	2	2	10
Newcastle	8	4	2	2	10
Man Utd	8	4	2	2	10
Aston Villa	8	4	2	2	10

ENGLISH DIV 2 Birmingham 2 Ipswich 2, Crystal Palace 2, Reading 3, Grimsby 0, Barnsley 1, Leeds 3, Hull 0, Millwall 2, Blackburn 2, Oldham 1, Brighton 1, Plymouth v Sheffield United postponed, Portsmouth 1, Huddersfield 0, Shrewsbury 0, Bradford 1, Sunderland 2, Stoke 0, West Bromwich 2, Derby 0.

Leading scorers: English league division two: Fletcher (Oldham) 10, Senior (Reading) 7, Shearer (Huddersfield) 6.

DIVISION TWO

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	8	5	2	1	14
Portsmouth	8	5	2	1	14
Crystal P	8	5	2	1	14
Leeds	8	5	2	1	14
Sheff Utd	8	5	2	1	14
Sunderland	8	5	2	1	14
Bradford	8	5	2	1	14
WBA	8	5	2	1	14
Blackburn	8	5	2	1	14
Brighton	8	5	2	1	14
Ipswich	8	5	2	1	14
Birmingham	8	5	2	1	14
Hull	8	5	2	1	14
Plymouth	8	5	2	1	14
Grimsby	8	5	2	1	14
Derby	8	5	2	1	14
Millwall	8	5	2	1	14
Reading	8	5	2	1	14
Shrewsbury	8	5	2	1	14
Huddersfield	8	5	2	1	14
Stoke	8	5	2	1	14
Barnsley	8	5	2	1	14

ENGLISH DIV 3 Bournemouth 2, Bristol City 0, Bristol Rovers 2, Blackpool 2, Bury 4, Newport 3, Carlisle 1, Mansfield 2, Chesterfield 1, Notts County 2, Darlington 1, Chester 0, Doncaster 3, York 1, Fulham 2, Middlesbrough 2, Gillingham 2, Brentford 0, Port Vale 4, Walsall 1, Swindon 2, Rotherham 0.

ENGLISH DIV 4 Aldershot 0, Tranmere 2, Burnley 3, Halifax 0, Cambridge 1, Lincoln 1, Cardiff 4, Hereford 1, Colchester 1, Peterborough 3, Crewe 1, Swansea 1, Northampton 2, Wolverhampton 0, Orient 2, Hartlepool 0, Preston 1, Torquay 1, Wrexham 0, Exeter 0.

DIVISION FOUR

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	7	5	1	1	12
Swansea	7	4	2	1	14
Southend	7	4	2	1	14
Orient	7	4	2	1	14
Burnley	7	4	2	1	14
Preston	7	4	2	1	14
Exeter	7	4	2	1	14
Tranmere	7	4	2	1	14
Cambridge	7	4	2	1	14
Cardiff	7	4	2	1	14
Colchester	7	4	2	1	14
Wrexham	7	4	2	1	14
Aldershot	7	4	2	1	14
Hereford	7	4	2	1	14
Southend	7	4	2	1	14
Peterborough	7	4	2	1	14
Crewe	7	4	2	1	14
Torquay	7	4	2	1	14
Lincoln	7	4	2	1	14
Rochdale	7	4	2	1	14
Hartlepool	7	4	2	1	14
Stockport	7	4	2	1	14
Halifax	7	4	2	1	14

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV Dundee 0, Hearts 0, Falkirk 0, Celtic 1, Hibernian 1, Dundee United 1, Motherwell 0, Clydebank 1, Rangers 2, Aberdeen 0, St Mirren 2, Hamilton 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	9	6	3	0	19
Celtic	9	6	3	0	19
Hearts	9	6	3	0	19
Rangers	9	6	3	0	19
Aberdeen	9	6	3	0	19
Dundee	9	6	3	0	19
St Mirren	9	6	3	0	19
Clydebank	9	6	3	0	19
Motherwell	9	6	3	0	19
Falkirk	9	6	3	0	19
Hibernian	9	6	3	0	19
Hamilton	9	6	3	0	19

SCOTTISH DIV 1 Dumbarton 2, East Fife 1, Dunfermline 0, Airdrieonians 0, Forfar 2, Morton 2, Kilmarnock 0, Clyde 0, Montrose 3, Queen of the South 4, Partick 1, Brechin 0.

DIVISION ONE

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	10	6	4	0	16
Dunfermline	10	6	4	0	16
QO'Sth	10	6	4	0	16
Dumbarton	10	6	4	0	16
East Fife	10	6	4	0	16
Morton	10	6	4	0	16
Forfar	10	6	4	0	16
Kilmarnock	10	6	4	0	16
Montrose	10	6	4	0	16
Clyde	10	6	4	0	16
Partick	10	6	4	0	16
Brechin	10	6	4	0	16

SCOTTISH DIV 2 Albion 3, Ayr 2, Arbroath 1, Meadowbank 2, Berwick 1, Alloa 2, East Stirling 0, Raith 5, St Johnstone 3, Queen's Park 0, Stirling 1, Stenhousemuir 0.

0. Stranraer 1, Cowdenbeath 1.

DIVISION TWO

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	8	7	1	0	18
Raith	8	7	1	0	18
Meadowbank	8	7	1	0	18
Stirling	8	7	1	0	18
Albion	8	7	1	0	18
Ayr	8	7	1	0	18
Stranraer	8	7	1	0	18
Queen's Pk	8	7	1	0	18
St Johnstone	8	7	1	0	18
Stenhousemuir	8	7	1	0	18
Cowdenbeath	8	7	1	0	18
Berwick	8	7	1	0	18
Arbroath	8	7	1	0	18
East Stirling	8	7	1	0	18

NORTHERN IRELAND Bangor 2, Carrick 0, Cliftonville 0, Antrim 1, Coleraine 6, Crusaders 0, Distillery 3, Ballymena 1, Glenavon 1, Glentoran 1, Larne 2, Portadown 0, Linfield 0, Newry 1.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich 1, Werder Bremen 1, Bayer Leverkusen 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Borussia Dortmund 7, Blau Weiss 90 Berlin 0, Kaiserslautern 3, Waldhof Mannheim 13, Nuremberg 1, Bayer Udingen 1, Cologne 0, Stuttgart 0, Fortuna Düsseldorf 3, Schalke 0, Bochum 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Werder Bremen 1, Bayern Munich 1, Hamburg 3, Homburg 1, Standings after eight games: Bayern Munich 13 points, Hamburg 12, Stuttgart 11, Bayer Leverkusen 11, Werder Bremen 11, Schalke 11, Kaiserslautern 9, Bayer Udingen 9, Bochum 9, Borussia Dortmund 8, Eintracht Frankfurt 8, Waldhof Mannheim 8, Mönchengladbach 8, Homburg 5, Cologne 4, Blau Weiss 90 Berlin 4, Nuremberg 3, Fortuna Düsseldorf 3.

EAST GERMANY: Dynamo Berlin 2, Wismar 1, Iena 3, Bismarckswerder 1, Brandenburg 2, Erfurt 1, Dresden 2, Frankfurt am Oder 0, Riesa 0, Karl Marx Stadt 0, Union Berlin 1, Cottbus 1, Leipzig 3, Magdeburg 2, Standings after six matches: Dynamo Berlin 10 points, Iena 9, Leipzig 9, Dresden 8, Karl Marx Stadt 7, Brandenburg 7, Magdeburg 6, Wismar 6.

SWEDEN: Brage 0, Norrköping 1, Hammarby 1, Gothenburg 1, Elfsborg 1, Halmstad 1, Kalmar 3, Djurgården 1, Malmö 3, Aik Stockholm 0, Örgryte 0, Öster 2, Standings after 21 games: Malmö 35 points, Gothenburg 31, Aik 23, Norrköping 21, Brage 20, Örgryte 19, Hammarby 19, Öster 19, Halmstad 19, Elfsborg 18, Kalmar 15, Djurgården 13.

BULGARIA: Spartak Varna 2, Slavia 1, Trakia 1, Vitocha 3, Beroe 2, Vratsa 3, Dimitrovgrad 1, Spartak Plevna 1, Etar 1, Akademik 2, Chernomorets 1, Sliven 2, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1, Sredets 3, Lokomotiv Sofia 3, Standings after seven games: Sredets 10 points, Slavia 10, Vitocha 10, Trakia 9, Pirin 8, Spartak Varna 8, Beroe 7, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 7, Lokomotiv Sofia 7, Vratsa 7, Sliven 6, Etar 6, Chernomorets 5, Akademik 5, Spartak Plevna 5, Dimitrovgrad 3.

LOCOMOTIV PLOVDIV 2 bt Sredets 1; Pirin 4 bt Akademik 1; Beroe 3 bt Trakia 0; Chernomorets 1 bt Spartak Varna 0; Slavia 2 bt Vratsa 0; Dimitrovgrad 2 bt Spartak Plevna 1; Etar 3 bt Sliven 1; Lokomotiv Sofia 4 bt Vitocha 2.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Rapid 3, Admira Wacker 5, Prino 1, Vitocha 2, Voest Linz 1, Lask 3, Klagenfurt 0, Grazer AK 2, Sturm Graz 3, Vienna 3, FC Tirol 1.

Austria Vienna vs Wiener Sportklub, playing today.

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: BP Honvéd 2, Bekescsaba 1, Pecs 0, Vasas 0, Ujpest Dozsa 4, Zalaegerszeg 0, Siofok 1, Videoton 2, Eger 1, FTCI 1, Dunajvaros 2, Haladas 0.

ASIAN Games, preliminary matches, in Seoul, South Korea: Group A: Thailand 0 drew with Oman 0, Group C: Saudia Arabia 2 b Indonesia 0.

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP, second round, first leg: Brighton 0 Nottingham Forest 0, Crystal Palace 0 Bury 0, Derby 4 West Bromwich 1, Everton 4 Newport 0, Manchester United 2 Port Vale 0, Oxford 6 Gillingham 0, Peterborough 0 Norwich 0, Reading 1 Aston Villa 1, Walsall v Millwall postponed.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP, semi-final: Dundee United 1 Rangers 2 (Rangers meet Celtic in final at Hampden Park on October 26).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP At Stockholm: Sweden 2 Switzerland 0.

At Oslo: Norway 0 East Germany 0.

At Reykjavik: Iceland 1 Soviet Union 1.

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS: West Germany 2 Denmark 0, Spain 3 Greece 0.

FRENCH DIV 1: Monaco 1 Lille 0, Toulouse 3 RC Paris 0, Laval 0, Nice 0, Auxerre 1, Nantes 0, Brest 0, Metz 0, Le Havre 1, Sochaux 0, Nancy 0, Bordeaux 1, Paris S-G 1, Rennes 0, Lens 2, Toulon 1, Marseille 1, St Etienne 0.

ITALY Avellino 0 Napoli 0, Brescia 0 Fiorentina 0, Empoli 0 Juventus 1, Milan 2 Atalanta 1, Roma 0 Verona 0, Sampdoria 0 Como 1, Torino 0, Ascoli 2, Udinese 0 Internazionale 0.

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Beerschot 5 2 3 0 5 2 7

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ROMANIA Club Napoca 0 Dinamo Bucharest 0, Steaua Bucharest 3 Jiul Petrosani 0, Corvinul Hunedoara 5 Flacara Moreni 1, Victoria Bucharest 2 FCM Brasov 1, Chimia Rimnicu Vilcea 0, Gloria Buzau 1, SC Bacau 1, FC Olt 0, Petrolul Ploiesti 3 Rapid Bucharest 0.

HUNGARY Honved Budapest 2 Bekescsaba 1; PAOK 1; Verria 0 Panionios 0; Ethnikos 1 AEK 0; Iraklis 2 Yantina

0; Olympiakos 3 Larissa 0; OFI 3 Doxa 2; Diagoras 2 Panathinaikos 0.

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OFI 3 3 0 0 6 4 6
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Diagoras 3 2 0 1 5 1 4
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Panionios 4 1 2 1 3 3 4

TURKEY Galatasaray 2 Malatyaspor 1; Genclerbirlii 1 Fenerbahce 1; Trabzonspor 3 Bursaspor 0; Altay 2 Ankara 0; Rizespor 1 Samsunspor 0; Boluspor 6; Eskisheirspor 0 Samsunspor 0.

Samsunspor 6 4 2 0 13 4 10
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Fenerbahce 6 1 4 1 5 4 6

BELGIUM Lokeren 1 FC Liege 1; Racing Jet 3 Antwerp 0; Mechelen 3 Waregem 1; Kortrijk 7 Berchem 0; Molenbeek 4 Ghent 0; Charleroi 0 Beveren 4; Club Brugge 2 Anderlecht 1; Beerschot 1 Cercle Brugge 0; Standard Liege 1 Seraing 1.

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The British Football Scene ALL CHANGE!



Many readers have asked about the changes in the Football League, so here's the full details.

● THE restructuring of the Football League will mean a series of play-offs at the end of the season.

● The First Division will be cut from 22 to 20 clubs over a two-year period. Bottom three clubs in the First and top two in the Second will automatically be relegated/promoted.

● Fourth team from bottom in the First and third, fourth and fifth in the Second will take part in a two-leg knockout play-off. Winners will be promoted (or stay in) the First Division.

● Winners of the GM Vauxhall Conference (formerly the Gola League) will automatically be promoted to the Football League at the expense of the 92nd placed club... as long as they meet League standards regarding finance and ground facilities.

● Two substitutes allowed in all F.A. competitions, including the F.A. Cup.

● Littlewoods have taken over the

sponsorship of the League Cup (formerly Milk Cup). Deal worth £2 million over three years.

● Fourteen League games will be shown 'live' on TV (seven on each channel) along with two 'live' Littlewoods Challenge Cup Semi-Finals, the Littlewoods Cup Final and a number of F.A. Cup matches.

● Luton Town have banned all visiting supporters from Kenilworth Road. The F.A. will decide whether or not to ban them from the F.A. Cup before the Third Round on January 10th, 1987.

TOTTENHAM's signing from Scotland — RICHARD GOUGH hasn't had the greatest start to the season after being hospitalised following the London derby against Chelsea.

Gough went in for facial surgery after suffering a bad gash from his nose to his lip. Also on the injured list are Oxford's skipper Steve Perryman and Aberdeen's Neil Simpson.

Perryman will be out of action for a couple of weeks as he recovers from a groin injury.

Simpson, the Scotland under 21 player, will be on the sideline for more than a month at the very least following an operation on the foot he twisted in the first minute of the Dons' opening Scottish League match a month ago.



No away supporters at Luton this season.

PROUD TO BE A GEORDIE!

PROUD TO BE A GEORDIE... that's the name of the book that has just been released by Newcastle United and England star — PETER BEARDSLEY.

Known as 'Pedro the Englishman', he made the world sit up and take notice with some fine displays for England in the Mexican World Cup.

Now with players such as Gary Lineker, Mark Hughes and soon Ian Rush departed from the British scene, Beardsley has become the hottest property in Britain and the new hero of the Soccer fans there.

Every time he touches the ball, the terraces light up with expectancy. England team manager Bobby Robson describes Beardsley as "a

jewel and a player of exceptional ability."

Although all the fruits of success are with the little dynamo now, it has not happened overnight. Now 25, he has had to strive to make it to the top.

On leaving school, he got a job as an errand boy at a Newcastle factory.

Then the Carlisle club saw his potential as a player and he went to Brunton Park to start his professional career.

From there it was off to Canada to join the Vancouver Whitecaps,

where Manchester United picked him up.

But, with the likes of Mark Hughes, Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside in front of him, Beardsley never got a look in. He was eventually informed by United he was not wanted and then ended up back home at Newcastle for a bargain transfer fee of only \$300,000.

He next linked up with Kevin Keegan and Chris Waddle. Together they turned the strug-

gling Magpies into the finest team in the Second Division and secured promotion the first year.

Now he is a superstar, but that hasn't changed him and he's never forgotten where he came from.

In fact, as rumours ran rampant last season that he was on his way out of Newcastle, he became emotionally distraught and angry.

Here is a player who proves once and for all that you don't have to be wayward or an extrovert to be a superstar.

CRAIG GOES OUT ON HIGH NOTE!

LIVERPOOL's Australian midfielder CRAIG JOHNSTON proved just how valuable he is to the Anfield side during the game in which he received a broken toe.

The 25-year-old broke his toe 10 minutes before half-time in the Reds' 2-0 win over Charlton Athletic, yet he played out the entire match and eventually picked up the club Man-of-the-Match award despite the obvious handicap.

Although he received the award he also learnt from the doctors that the injury will sideline him for at least a month. This gave the opportunity for the unsettled Scottish pair of John Wark and Steve Nicol to fight over the vacant spot.

ANOTHER SHILTON?

THEY'RE calling new QPR keeper DAVID SEAMAN 'Another Shilton', but as far as the man himself is concerned he pleads: "Don't call me a Shilton... not just yet."

After signing for the Loftus Road outfit he said: "I got a lot of attention last season and some good reports. But I'm only 23 and still learning the game. Top keepers are at their best in their early thirties because of their superior experience. So I've got a long way to go."

Seaman, snapped up from Birmingham City, was linked with top clubs Manchester United, Arsenal and West Ham. But he joined Rangers because they were they were the only club who did come in for

him! "Last season was a nightmare year for my club. It was one of the worst experiences in the game to go straight back down after winning promotion. I never want to witness that again."

"But now I must look ahead. I believe I can win things with QPR. Jim Smith impresses me as a good, honest boss, and we have quality players here."

"The artificial pitch doesn't bother me at Loftus Road. A keep-

er's job is the same on any surface," says Seaman.

For the present, not only does Seaman have to battle with a new club and new playing conditions, he also competes with a couple of other very experienced goalkeepers. Peter Hucker, the star of QPR's FA Cup final appearance against Tottenham three years ago is there, as is Paul Barron, who failed to excel in the Milk Cup final against Oxford last season.

THE BIG STRIP—OFF!

THERE's a multi-million dollar business in operation in British football that has ravaged the hip pockets of millions of parents of Soccer-crazy kids.

It takes the form of many of the top clubs changing their playing strips with increasing regularity.

This season, no less than 15 English first division clubs have altered their playing gear, making last year's outfits obsolete for millions of the young fans.

Take Manchester United for instance. They have practically reverted back to their strip of two seasons ago after trying out another style.

The strips of most teams will vary, but

everytime the colours of the youngsters' favourite team changes then about \$75 is involved.

The whole situation has turned into a lucrative industry, with sports gear manufacturers handing out clubs big money to secure deals.

Reigning champions Liverpool get around \$500,000 a year from the manufacturers for the right to produce replica playing kits, track suits, T-shirts, and so on.

The Red Devils and Tottenham each receive about \$450,000 a year.

NEVILLE SOUTHALL, Everton's injured Welsh international goalkeeper, is confident he'll be back in action before Christmas despite being out of the game for more than six months already.

LIVERPOOL's Scottish international midfielder JOHN WARK has filed his second transfer request of the season, telling manager Kenny Dalglish he definitely wants to leave Anfield.



PETER BEARDSLEY — star



Three examples of much sought after strips. From left to right — West Ham (Tony Cottee), Liverpool (Jan Molby) and Manchester United (Mark Hughes).